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**PHS grad ceremony set for Sat., May 28**

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Graduation ceremonies for the Pampa High School Class of 2011 will begin at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 28, at Harvester Field.

Tanya Larkin, the principal of Pampa High School said the senior class will have a vespers service at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 22, at the First Baptist Church.

Larkin said the gates to Harvester Stadium will open at 8:30 a.m., Saturday. She said no one will be allowed in early.

"The staff will be busy pre-

**SOFTBALL IN PLAYOFFS JUST NOT ENOUGH**



paring the stadium for the ceremonies and would like to have a beautiful setting ready when parents, friends and community enter," Larkin said.

The graduation ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Pampa Police Officers will act as ushers at the graduation ceremonies.

Seating is open.

"You may sit where you choose," Larkin said.

She said that a special section is being set up for the elderly and handicapped at the track level.

"We will also provide viewing **GRADUATION** cont. on page 5

photo courtesy of **Charla Shults**

**Sophomore Bailey Beck trots home after a solo home run against Midland Greenwood. Beck's blast, though, wasn't enough, as Pampa lost Game One of the Area Round 8-3. Full coverage in SPORTS, 2B.**

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**FBSW voted 'Best Bank' by readers**

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It traces its roots back to post-World War II Pampa.

Phil Gentry, president of FirstBank Southwest in Pampa,

leaned back in a chair in his office at Kingsmill and Frost and reflected on the bank's success.

"We're probably the largest bank in Pampa," Gentry said. Originally founded as

Citizens Bank and Trust in the late 1940s, it was acquired by the Ellis family from Perryton in May, 1990.

The Pampa bank was merged into FirstBank Southwest with **FBSW** cont. on page 5

**Donations sought for senior party**

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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The parents organizing the Drug-Free/Alcohol Free All-Night Party for the 2011 graduating class of Pampa High School is seeking contributions to help give the kids one last big bash as a group.

"It'll be the last time that they're together as a class," said co-organizer Beth Rice. "It's a congratulations for all the hard work they've put in through their years in school. It's a tradition. It's a lot of fun. It gives the kids something to do that night with their friends, and we want to make it fun for them."

Rice said that committees are meeting periodically to prepare for the event, and the group is hoping to get gifts that can be given away every 15 minutes throughout the night. Both merchandise and monetary donations will be accepted.

"There's no deadline, and we're accepting all the way up to the day of the party," Rice said.

The all-night party will be the day of graduation, Saturday, May 28.

**High school honors: Boyd, Guyer top Class of '11**

**SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS**

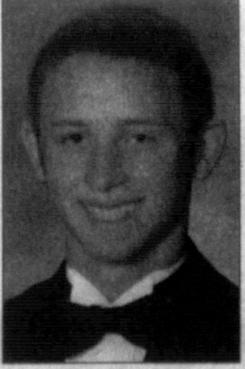
Barry Haenisch, Superintendent of the Pampa ISD, and Tanya Larkin, principal of Pampa High School, have jointly announced that 22 students have attained the rank of honor graduate for the Class of 2011, with three students carrying the distinction of Superintendent Scholar.

To be an honor graduate, a student is required to be in the top 10 percent of the graduating class. To achieve the honor of a superintendent scholar, a student must have scored a 1900 or more on the SAT exam and/or a 29 on the ACT exam in addition to completing four or more Advanced Placement Courses, and participating in the PSAT Exam as a Junior. They must also strive to be a member of the National Honor Society.

Honor graduates, superintendent

scholars and their parents were honored Tuesday during the school's annual Honors Banquet.

**Olin Boyd**, Valedictorian and Superintendent Scholar, earned a grade point average of 4.613. Olin is the son of Jeff and Lori Boyd. He is Secretary of the National Honor Society, President of the Rotary Interact Club, and he is a Texas A & M Presidential Scholar. He is on the UIL Science and Math Academic Teams, and has received numerous subject awards. He has achieved the honor of Eagle Scout, is a member of the 4H shooting team, and a ranked marksman with the National Rifle Association. His co-curricular activities include varsity football and track; and he earned First Team Academic All State in Football. He plans to attend Texas A & M University **HONORS** cont. on page 8



Olin Boyd (left) is the 2010 Pampa High School Valedictorian, while Lysie Guyer (right) will take Salutatorian honors.

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### PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
High 95 Low 55	High 95 Low 59	High 88 Low 55

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. Windy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 59. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 88. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 55.

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**PHS CLASS** of 2011 All Light Drug Free / Alcohol Free Senior Party is requesting merchandise and cash donations from businesses and individuals for give-aways at their party. Call 806-664-0438 for info., or to make donations.

## The Pampa News joins Alabama drive

**RANDY PRIBBLE**  
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Collections are under way by a local congregation to assist people in the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, Ala., area.

Pampa's Trinity Fellowship has partnered with the non-profit Somebody Cares America to assist people whose home were damaged or destroyed during the recent tornado that tore through Alabama. Mayor Lonny Robbins said that he wanted to bring Pampa into the relief effort after hearing

the appeal from the mayors of Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. "This is the initial push," said Sara Farmer, a congregational member at Trinity. "We really want to start collecting necessities on a regular basis, so when this kind of thing happens, we can be ready to help."

The Pampa News is joining the list of drop-off points for relief items. Donors may drop off items at the news office, 403 W. Atchison, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Needed items and local collection points are listed in an advertisement on Page 3A.



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With Serious Bodily Injury*



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If you have seen any of these people, please contact the Pampa/ Gray County Crime Stoppers at (806) 669-2222. Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1000.00 reward for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of persons that commit felony crimes or drug dealing anywhere in the Pampa Gray County area. Remember, you will remain anonymous. The information contained on these fugitives was correct when published, but may no longer be current by the time it is read.

### Cops' Corner

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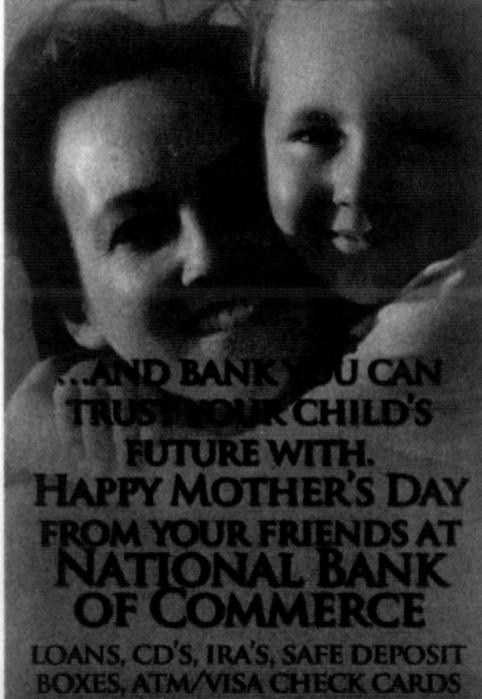
requirements could result in a fine up to \$2000.00 and up to six months in jail. Upon a conviction for failing to do so, a person's driver license could be suspended in addition to the fine and jail time. The same requirements must be met even if the other vehicle is unattended at the time of the accident.

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you witness an accident as quickly as you can; also be prepared to be asked for a license plate number, color of vehicle and type of vehicle. We ask the community to please be courteous and do what is right when you are involved in an accident.

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## AFTERNOONRUSH House passes bill for easier drilling

### Tort reform an emergency item

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has declared a tort reform bill to be emergency legislation.

The declaration allows the House and Senate to push the bill to the top of the agenda. House Bill 274 calls on the Texas Supreme Court to institute rules that make it tougher to bring a civil lawsuit. The proposal would also allow the defendant to collect costs if they prevail. Right now only the claimant can collect lawyer's fees and costs if they win.

The bill's author, Republican state Rep. Brandon Creighton, says the bill will make civil courts more efficient and less expensive. Opponents say it will discourage people from bringing suits because of the fear of paying huge legal costs if they lose.

On Friday, the House placed the bill on the emergency calendar.

### Sanctuary city ban under debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House is debating whether or not to require local police to enforce federal immigration law.

Gov. Rick Perry declared the ban on so-called sanctuary cities an emergency matter. He says all Texas law enforcement agencies should tackle the problem of illegal immigration.

Police chiefs across the state oppose the bill because they say it will make their jobs more difficult. Illegal immigrants will not report crimes if they think police will check their immigration status, and police say they already have a full plate without adding immigration enforcement.

The 101-49 Republican supermajority in the House is expected to pass the bill, but not without hours of debate and at least 50 attempts to amend the law.

### Online registration proposed

AUSTIN, (AP) — Texans could register to vote online under a bill that has won approval in the Texas House.

The bill, by Democratic Rep. Scott Hochberg of Houston, was approved Thursday night. The bill would allow Texans with a valid driver's license or state-issued ID card to register to vote over the Internet.

Under current rules, most Texans register to vote by mail. Hochberg said the state will save money in postage while encouraging people to sign up to vote. The bill faces a final hurdle before moving to the Senate.

### Juvenile justice merger approved

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate has given final approval to merging the two agencies that handle juvenile criminals, sending the bill to Gov. Rick Perry for his consideration.

Lawmakers want to consolidate the Texas Youth Commission and the Juvenile Probation Commission. The plan is to shift more offenders to community-based supervision and treatment programs.

A state report has said the merger could save about \$3.3 billion.

The state's troubled youth corrections system has undergone major reforms since neglect and sexual abuse allegations surfaced four years ago.

The new agency would be called the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. It would be overseen by a governor-appointed board.

### Tow truck rage leaves two dead

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say a gunman upset that his vehicle had been hauled away fatally shot a tow truck worker before the truck's driver returned fire and killed the assailant.

Police say the tow truck driver and his helper were looking for cars that weren't authorized to park in an apartment lot early Friday in northwest Dallas. Police spokesman Kevin Janse says the gunman emerged and began shooting, striking the truck's passenger. The truck's driver then got out and fatally shot the gunman.

Janse says the gunman's car had been towed earlier and he "came out to seek revenge."

Authorities have not yet released any names.

Police arrested and questioned the truck driver but released him pending a grand jury referral.

Police are investigating.

### Man gets life sentence for meth

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A jury has sentenced a 27-year-old Brownsville man to life in prison in what authorities call the largest methamphetamine drug bust in Williamson County history.

District Attorney John Bradley said William Silva must also pay a \$250,000 fine. The verdict was reached Friday afternoon in the trial, which began Tuesday.

Silva was found guilty of possession of a controlled substance.

A sheriff's deputy pulled him over on Interstate 35 near Jarrell in September. Silva was arrested for driving with a suspended license, and a police dog detected narcotics. Investigators found 42 pounds of methamphetamine inside a false compartment in the floor of the car.

The sheriff's office said that amount of methamphetamine is worth about \$1.7 million.

### Bush announces library grants

DALLAS (AP) — Appearing at a Dallas elementary school, former first lady Laura Bush on Thursday announced more than \$1 million in grants that her foundation will be giving to school libraries across the nation to buy books.

Bush, herself a former public school teacher and librarian, said that the Laura W. Bush Foundation for America's Libraries is giving grants to 241 schools across the U.S. this year, including Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School, where she made the announcement in front of about 30 schoolchildren gathered in the library.

"The most important skill you'll learn in life is to read," Bush said.

The schools receiving the grants get as much as \$5,000 to put toward their collections.

She said that when Lowe Elementary opened in 2006, students going to school there spoke more than 40 languages. Bush said that books that will be purchased with the grant money will include books on American culture and history.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled House passed the first of three bills Thursday aimed at speeding up offshore oil and gas drilling a year after the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

In a 266-149 vote that included 33 Democrats in its majority, the House approved a bill that would force the federal government to conduct three lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and one off the Virginia coast within a year, or by June 2012. Lease sales are the first step in a multi-year process that can culminate in drilling.

The Obama administration had postponed the sales after the massive Gulf oil spill, saying it needed time to conduct more thorough environmental reviews, to account for the blowout's effects on the Gulf ecosystem and to incorporate lessons learned from the disaster.

A major federal investigation into what caused the accident has yet to be released.

Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., the House Natural Resources Chairman and the bills' sponsor, said Thursday the legislation would reverse actions by the Obama administration that have blocked or hindered drilling at a time of rising gasoline prices.

"The pain being felt today has been exacerbated by the actions of the Obama administration," Hastings said. He said opening up more areas to drilling would send a signal to the world market that the U.S. is serious about reducing its dependence on foreign oil and

lower pump prices.

Hastings' two other measures — which would speed up decision-making on drilling permits and mandate that the government sell offshore leases where the greatest oil deposits are — are expected to be voted on next week.

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## Pa+MPA

Pampa ISD Events for the Week of May 9-13

### Pampa High School

May 9 • Band Spring Festival • 7:00 pm • MK Brown  
May 11 • Baseball Banquet • 6:30 pm • Commons  
May 12 • SDC Banquet • 7:00 pm  
May 14 • Prom • Commons

### Pampa Jr. High

May 10 • Progress Reports  
May 13 • 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly & Reception  
May 13 & 14 • Theatre Arts: Madwoman of Chailot • 7:00 pm

### Austin Elementary

May 9 • 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PAAS Field Trip  
May 10 • 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade PAAS Trip  
May 11 • PJH Show Choir to Perform  
May 12 • 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to Botanical Gardens

### Lamar Elementary

May 9 • 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PAAS Field Trip  
May 10 • 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade PAAS Field Trip  
May 12 • Encore Concert • 1:00 pm  
May 13 • 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip WTAMU Swimming

### Travis Elementary

May 9 • 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PAAS Trip  
May 13 • PHS Choir Performs at 9:15 am

### Wilson Elementary

May 9 • 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PAAS Trip  
May 12 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip  
May 13 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Program Star Search

## Pampa is reaching out to Birmingham/Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Trinity Fellowship Pampa is partnering with Somebody Cares America to provide disaster relief in the Birmingham/Tuscaloosa, Alabama areas. We plan to ship a huge load of supplies next Monday, May 9th. Our desire is for this to become a COMMUNITY EFFORT and we hope that individuals and businesses in Pampa will contribute towards this tremendous need!

### Somebody Cares America is on site in Alabama and informed us of the following needs:

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Toothbrush/Toothpaste</b> | <b>Bandages</b>                                    |
| <b>Towels</b>                | <b>Aspirin, Tylenol</b>                            |
| <b>Soap</b>                  | <b>Medical Tape</b>                                |
| <b>Deodorant</b>             | <b>Sterile Gauze</b>                               |
| <b>Comb/Brush</b>            | <b>Antiseptic Wipes</b>                            |
| <b>Lotion</b>                | <b>Antibiotic Cream</b>                            |
| <b>Hand Sanitizer</b>        | <b>Blankets</b>                                    |
| <b>Wet Ones/Wet Naps</b>     | <b>Diapers, Sleepers, Wipes for young families</b> |
| <b>Sanitary Napkins</b>      |  |

### We have 3 drop-sites for your convenience:

Trinity Fellowship	2225 N Hobart St	8-3 M-Th
Pregnancy Support Center	210 N Ward	12-4 M-F
The Pampa News	403 W. Atchison	8-4 M-F

We will also have a Mothers Day Disaster Relief Drive Sunday, May 8th from 2-4 p.m. at Trinity Fellowship where we will be accepting donated items. We will ship these items on Monday, May 9th.

Please prayerfully consider donating these items as Pampans reach out those in tremendous need in Alabama!

Please call Sara Farmer 806.290.2950 if you have any questions.

# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 7, the 127th day of 2011. There are 238 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

**On this date:**

In 1711 (New Style calendar), Scottish philosopher David Hume was born in Edinburgh.

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington and his wife, Martha.

In 1861, Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore was born in Calcutta.

In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the Irish coast.

In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City - formerly Saigon - the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories. (On this date in 2002, Seattle Slew died.)

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

**Ten years ago:** "Great Train Robber" Ronnie Biggs, who had eluded capture for decades following his prison escape in 1965, returned to Britain, where he was jailed to complete the 28 remaining years of his sentence. (Biggs was released from prison in August 2009 on compassionate grounds.)

**Five years ago:** Iran's hard-line parliament threatened to pass legislation that would force the Tehran government to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

**One year ago:** A BP-chartered vessel lowered a 100-ton concrete-and-steel vault onto the ruptured Deepwater Horizon well in an unprecedented, and ultimately unsuccessful, attempt to stop most of the gushing crude fouling the sea.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is 79. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 72. Actress Robin Strasser is 66. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Thelma Houston is 65. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) is 65. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 61. Actor Robert Hegyes is 60. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 59. Actor Michael E. Knight is 52. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 50. Country musician Rick Schell is 48. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 46. Actress Traci Lords is 43. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 40. Actor Breckin Meyer is 37. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 25. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "Be a philosopher but, amid all your philosophy be still a man." - David Hume (1711-1776)



## Reimagining Obama after gutsy raid

NANCY BENAC  
Associated Press Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) - It was just a firehouse chat with the guys of Engine 54 in lower Manhattan. But President Barack Obama delivered a message he hopes will also hit home with every American in this week of national catharsis: "You're always going to have a president and an administration who's got your back."

In the denouement to the daring raid that brought down Osama bin Laden, the president has in effect been reintroduced to the nation.

While taking care to strike the right tone - trying to savor the success of the dramatic covert operation without appearing to gloat - Obama has offered himself as a decisive leader willing to take bold risks.

He's gotten a bump in the polls that isn't likely to last. But Americans may well come away with altered perceptions of a president whose strongest personal qualities in past polls have run to squishier traits like being a good communicator and friendly.

"It sheds a new light on him," says pollster Andrew Kohut, president of the Pew Research Center. "What happened here may improve impressions that he is a strong and forceful leader, and that's the enduring potential benefit."

Obama's understated victory lap - not that he would ever call it that - continues on Friday in Kentucky, where he'll meet privately at Fort Campbell with some of the participants in the assault on bin Laden's Pakistani hideaway and in public with U.S. troops returning from Afghanistan.

The president has been careful to shower credit and praise for the successful raid on the U.S. military and the nation's intelligence and counterterrorism apparatus, and to frame this as a time for Americans to set aside politics and conjure the unity that the nation felt after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

But it is inescapable that he is not only a president. He also is a candidate for re-election. And the successful raid can only do him good politically.

Contrast the competing images of Obama at New York's ground zero on Thursday, meeting with first responders and families of those lost in the terror attacks, with those from Greenville, S.C., where the first debate of GOP presidential contenders played out Thursday night. The event attracted a field of relative unknowns lacking in foreign policy experience.

For now, even Obama's political opponents are willing to give him his due.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a GOP presidential hopeful who declined to participate in the South Carolina debate, gave no-strings-attached credit to the president, the military and the intelligence community earlier in the week, calling it "a great victory for lovers of freedom and justice everywhere."

Former Vice President Dick Cheney, who has never shied from criticism of the Obama administration, also offered up credit to the president and his national security team. But he coupled it with a reminder that each president has built upon the work of his predecessor.

"We picked up on items that had been collected during the Clinton administration and worked those aggressively for eight years," Cheney said in a TV interview after the raid. "We passed that on to the Obama administration. They picked it up and they've been working it."

Fair or not, though, the credit for a blockbuster achievement like the demise of bin Laden goes to the sitting president.

With all that could have gone wrong, the risky mission could well have ended in unmitigated disaster. And, in that case, it would have been blame that was assigned to the sitting president.

Former President Jimmy Carter knows about that.

In 1980, Carter approved a plan to rescue the American hostages in Iran that ended in failure and left eight American servicemen dead. The botched mission was cited as one factor in Carter's defeat when he ran for re-election.

In an interview with CNN, Carter recalled the failed rescue as a heart-

breaking event and expressed hope that Obama would benefit from the successful hunt for bin Laden.

"I believe this has substantially enhanced his political standing - his reputation among people, particularly those that didn't think he was a strong, competent person who could carry out a mission successfully," the former president said.

Carter's comments hinted at the president's political vulnerability on questions of leadership.

In a January survey by Pew, Obama got his highest marks for personal traits such as good communicator (75 percent), warm and friendly (70 percent), and "stands up for what he believes in" (77 percent). By contrast, 54 percent of those surveyed saw him as "able to get things done" and 53 percent viewed him as a "strong leader."

Polls also show that Obama's personal approval ratings have suffered amid public impatience with the ongoing wars and dissatisfaction with the state of the economy.

Just a day before the bin Laden raid, Obama joked that his dismal poll numbers gave him "a really great self-help tool" for overcoming arrogance.

Early in his presidency, George W. Bush found his voice in the rubble of the twin towers at the World Trade Center, when he spoke to workers there through a bullhorn just days after the attacks and told them: "I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you! And the people - the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon!"

His approval ratings soared after 9/11. But as time passed, and the nation became bogged down in two unpopular wars, that support evaporated.

Well into his presidency, Obama is being re-evaluated in light of the bin Laden raid and his measured handling of what his spokesman calls "this significant and cathartic moment" for the nation.

The president talks of demonstrating to the world "who we are" by the way the U.S. has managed the raid and its aftermath.

Privately, Obama has to hope that people will come away with a better sense of who he is, too.

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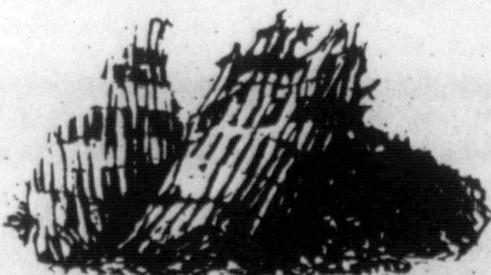
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The most gruesome bin Laden image of all.



## Graduation

via video streaming in the commons area," she said.

Larkin said the school district is not allowing any marking of seats by taping or roping off sections.

She said that because family and friends would like to see a particular senior graduate and hear the student's name called, the school is asking

the audience not to do anything that would block the view of others or interrupt the proceedings by standing in front of others or using air horns or large posters to block others' view of the ceremonies.

Family and friends can move to the lower walkway of the stands to take pictures, but Larkin said she hopes

they will return quickly to their seats.

Pictures of each graduate will be available for purchase on the Shutterbug website, [www.myshutterbug.com](http://www.myshutterbug.com).

Larkin is also asking those in the audience to remain in the stands until the last graduating senior crosses the stage.

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Pampa is a great place to be a banker, Gentry said.

"We have a diversified economy and many loyal customers who are a pleasure to do business with," he said.

Gentry said that even

with the closure of Celanese, the Texas Panhandle did not experience the severe recession that much of the rest of the nation faced.

"Business is definitely picking up as our loan activity is steadily improving this year," he said. "It is good to see major projects in town such as the new middle school, water park and Hampton Village. We believe that this reflects the spirit and resilience of Pampa."

Gentry said purchase of the old Celanese plant west of town by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation will be a

major plus for the city's future.

The Pampa location of FirstBank Southwest has assets of about \$155 million, he said.

"Our entire organization is about \$750 million," Gentry said.

He said business here has been pretty steady in Pampa.

"We are blessed to have a great experienced staff in Pampa with several officers and employees having over 30 years of service," Gentry said.

Senior Vice President Kim Hill has been with the bank for 31 years. Vice President Jeri Joiner has been with the bank for 31 years.

Banking officer Donna Crawford has been with the bank for 30 years. Banking officer Lynnette Dean has been with the bank for eight years.

Shirley Hargrove has been with the bank 34 years.

Gentry, a 39 year veteran of the banking industry, has been with Pampa's FirstBank Southwest for 14 years.

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## Sunday in History

Tomorrow is Sunday, May 8, the 128th day of 2011. There are 237 days left in the year. This is Mother's Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered, and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe."

### On this date:

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier, the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born in Lamar, Mo.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

In 1914, Paramount Pictures was incorporated by W.W. Hodkinson.

In 1921, Sweden's Parliament voted to abolish the death penalty.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1961, New York's recently created National League baseball team announced that it would be known as the Mets.

In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for ten weeks surrendered.

In 1984, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Ten years ago: China protested the resumption of U.S. surveillance flights off its coast and said it would refuse to let the United States' fly out a crippled Navy spy plane. Pope John Paul II began the final leg of a historic pilgrimage as he arrived in the Mediterranean island nation of Malta.

Five years ago: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wrote to President George W. Bush, proposing

"new solutions" to their differences in the first letter from an Iranian head of state to an American president in 27 years. Nobel Peace Prize winner and former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias was sworn in to another term of office. Stunt artist David Blaine emerged weak and wrinkly from a week spent submerged within an 8-foot snow globe-like tank in the plaza of New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, but without a world record for holding his breath.

One year ago: Republican Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah, targeted by tea party activists and other groups, lost his bid to serve a fourth term after failing to advance past the GOP state convention. A coal mine in western Siberia was rocked by the first of two methane explosions that claimed the lives of 90 miners. Andor Lilienthal, 99, the last surviving member of the 27 original grandmasters of chess players, died in Budapest. Actress Betty White hosted NBC's "Saturday Night Live" as the result of a Facebook campaign.

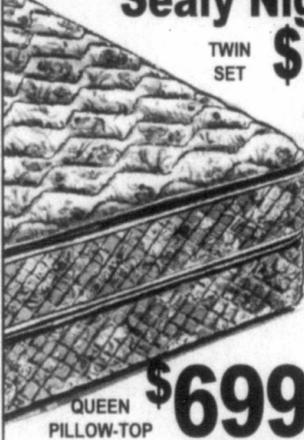
Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 85. Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 85. Singer Toni Tennille is 71. Actor James Mitchum is 70. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 69. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 66. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 60. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 60. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 58. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 58. Actor David Keith is 57. Actor Stephen Furst is 57. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 47. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 47. Country musician Del Gray is 43. Rock singer Darren Hayes is 39. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 36. Singer Ana Maria Lombo (Eden's Crush) is 33. Actress Julia Whelan is 27.

Thought for Today: "When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." - Erma Bombeck, American humorist (1927-1996).

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# Entertainment!

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## Hammer time: 'Thor' delivers mythic comic book goodness

Ever since Marvel got tired of the unending parade of cinematic rubbish that was being made out of its properties (see "X3" and "Ghost Rider") and started producing its own movies, the results have been nothing short of phenomenal, the work of a studio that knows exactly how to deliver what its fanbase wants. "Thor," the latest Marvel hero to get the silver screen treatment, is certainly no different. With a director like Kenneth Branagh, it's fair to expect a lot, and "Thor" dishes it up.

Perhaps one of the less mainstream notes in Marvel's superhero oeuvre (certainly not compared to, say, Spider-Man or the X-Men), Thor's film nonetheless captures the viewer's interest from the get-go with splendid visuals, well-choreographed action scenes and a charismatic performance from Chris Hemsworth, who plays the titular thunder god.

If you aren't familiar with the framework of the plot, it's a story converted from myth to modern-day. Thor is banished by his father, king of the Asgardian gods Odin (Anthony Hopkins), to Earth for a rash decision that plunges the realm of Asgard into war with their longtime nemeses, the Frost Giants of Jotunheim. This provides Thor's brother, the trickster god Loki (Tom Hiddleston), the perfect window to enact a scheme to take over Asgard, and Thor, along with friends Sif (Jamie Alexander) and the Warriors Three (Joshua Dallas, Tadanobu Asano and Ray Stevenson) must learn his lesson to return to Asgard and defeat his brother.

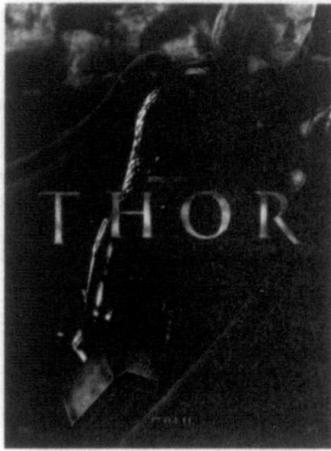
Along the way, Thor ends up in New Mexico, where he meets beautiful, spunky astrophysicist Jane Foster (Natalie Portman) and sparks fly. He also gets into a tussle with national security and espionage organization S.H.I.E.L.D. to set up his part in the upcoming "Avengers" epic. Oh, and speaking of which, there's an awesome cameo in "Thor" that's enough to make fanboys audibly squeal.

Admittedly, "Thor" isn't a superhero movie with the depth of Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight," or even of "Iron Man." Still, Thor has never been a hero with layers of complexity, and the thunder god's movie delivers what it promises: endearing characters, some

old-fashioned sword and sorcery action updated to the modern age and more than its share of old-fashioned heart. Branagh's Shakespearean chops provide the perfect touch that a movie like "Thor" needs, and it serves up seemingly outmoded themes of honor and pride with a witty, earnest, genuine delivery.

"Thor" may not have the cachet with the non-geek audience, but it's still one to check out. It's a tantalizing preview for the Avengers, but don't just sit through it for that: It's a good, fun movie in its own right, a perfect opening to the opening act to the cavalcade of big budget blockbusters this summer.

*Arnie Aurellano is the editor of The Pampa News. He can be reached online at editor@thepampanews.com.*



**Thor** ★★★★★  
Rated PG-13 PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence.

## SPLIT-SCREEN



ARNIE AURELLANO



TRAVIS TIDMORE

## Retro review: 'The Hurt Locker' a stunning show

I love movies, and one reason I love them so much is the fact that they can have so many different effects on the viewer. Every so often a movie comes along that can transport you into the movie. No matter the genre of film these rare gems make you feel as if you are in on the action and make you feel the emotions evoked by the characters on screen. "The Hurt Locker" is one such gem.

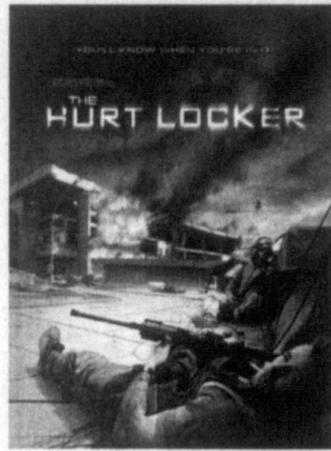
"The Hurt Locker" is a small independent film, directed by Kathryn Bigelow (Point Break), that follows the Army's bomb disposal unit stationed in Baghdad during the last 39 days of their tour. The unit (including an acclaimed performance by Renner) is both dealing with the recent death of their former

group leader, whom Renner's character has been brought in to replace. For some in the unit, the duty is a very serious job which puts them in risk of dying almost everyday. But for James working with explosives seems to be a game. Its obvious that he loves the rush of adrenaline that he gets knowing he could die at any second. And his attitude could get them all killed.

While the plot may seem simple Bigelow draws us in and makes us a part of the movie. She does so in many different ways, by showing us the smaller things that you would notice if you were there, such as a shell casing falling to the ground in slow motion, while we wait to see if the bullet finds its mark, or by showing us nothing at all.

Towards the end, there is a scene that I absolutely love. As the unit heads into the dark to hunt down a bomber, we go with them, but instead of us seeing everything with a nice, unnatural blue tint, we are actually left in the dark for several long seconds. During this time all we can do is rely on our hearing, just as the soldiers must rely on their remaining senses. Slowly, we see a little bit of light, which grows brighter as we come out of the darkness, until finally we can see the unit again as they head into a more brightly lit area. I applaud Bigelow for this, as most filmmakers would have rather shown you what was going on through lighting than let us experience it for ourselves. (Personally I wish more movies would use total darkness in such a way) And this is just one of many scenes in which you experience what is going on rather than having it shown to you.

At times, I didn't want to feel like I was there, because some of the movie is so intense and hard to watch. But it would be a cheat to only let us experience the good moments, and maybe that's one reason this movie works so well. It gives us the whole picture, not just the good parts. "The Hurt Locker" may not be the happiest movie going experiences in recent years, but it certainly is one of the best.



**"The Hurt Locker"** ★★★★★  
Rated R for war violence and language.

*Local attorney Travis Tidmore reviews movies for The Pampa News.*

## The Pampa News' Kid of the Week



Submit your favorite photos of your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. to [editor@thepampanews.com](mailto:editor@thepampanews.com). Once a week, we will choose a new photo to feature on our web site as "Kid of the Week".

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**Pampa High School teacher** Veronica Alvarada sets up paper flower displays for the Spanish Club during the Cinco de Mayo celebration at PHS this week.



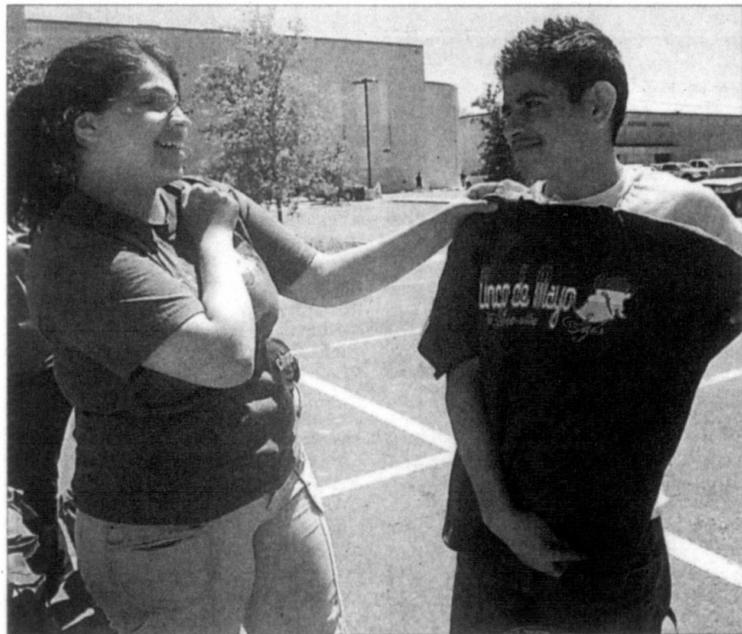
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**Alyson Renteria** samples the corn at the Travis School booth during Cinco de Mayo celebration.



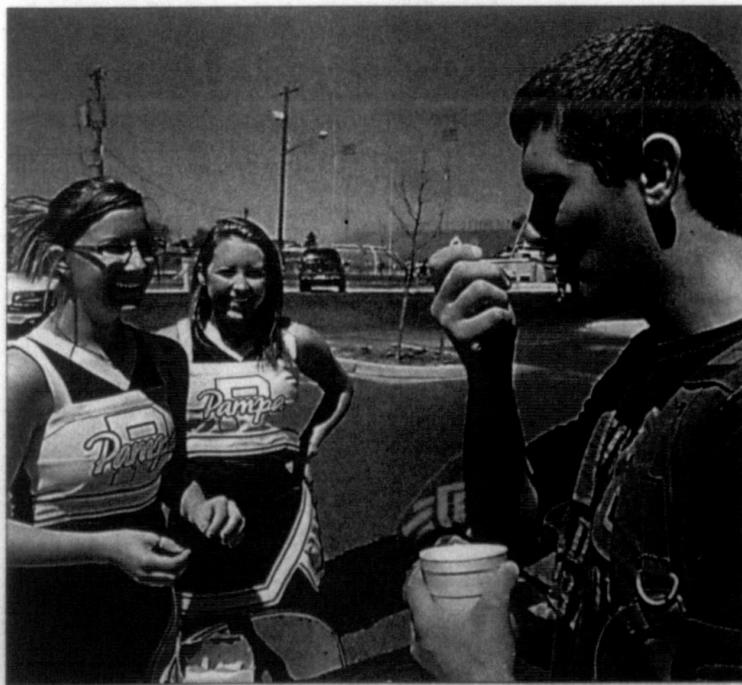
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**Big sister Kelsi Bagley**, a Pampa High School student, approves the sign of her little sister Kayley Bagley, a Pampa Junior High student during Cinco de Mayo festivities at PHS.



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**Ariana Ramirez** (left) talks to Louis Hernandez about buying a Cinco de Mayo shirt during Cinco de Mayo festivities at Pampa High School.



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**Tanner Logan** (right) samples the ice cream being sold by Pampa High School Cheerleaders Robin Doan and Caylee Steward during Cinco de Mayo festivities at Pampa High School.



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**Cin Seya Chong Janway** flies through the air in Wilson School's bounce house during Cinco de Mayo celebrations at Pampa High School.

# Honors

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and major in mechanical or electrical engineering. Olin plans to pursue his MBA after receiving a degree in Engineering.

**Lynsie Guyer**, Salutatorian, earned a grade point average of 4.474. Lynsie is the daughter of Craig and Lori Guyer. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and received the Biology Pre-AP subject award. Lynsie is a member of the band and jazz band, and has taught herself to play three different musical instruments. She has also been a member of the choir, and qualified for State in solo competition. Lynsie plans to attend West Texas A & M University and double major in Chemistry and Music.

**Evan McElwain**, Superintendent Scholar, is the son of Tom and Kelly McElwain, and is ranked third in his class with a GPA of 4.454. He is Student Body Historian, President of the National Honor Society, and has been accepted to Baylor's Honors Program. He has received numerous subject awards. His co-curricular activities include National Honor Society, Juggling Club, Show Choir, and ASTRA. Evan plans to attend Baylor University and major in Bio-Chemistry / Pre-Med., and become a general physician.

**Holly Gage** is the daughter of Jeff and Ellen Gage, and ranked fourth in her class with a GPA of 4.431. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Awakening Club, and several UIL Academic Teams. She has received numerous subject awards at PHS. She is Co-Captain of the varsity tennis team, and has placed second in regional tennis competition. Holly plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in Engineering.

**Brittany Covil**, Superintendent Scholar, is the daughter of Pamela Covil and Timothy and Lori Covil. She is ranked 5th in her class with a GPA of 4.404. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Speech and Debate Team, and several UIL Academic Teams. She is a member of the band, has qualified for all-area band 3 years; and she has qualified for state competition in both Clarinet Solo and Ensemble. She is also the Girls Swim Team Captain, and qualified for swimming regional competition four years. Brittany plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in Psychology and minor in Music.

**Jordan Mayhew** is the daughter of Caprice Mayhew and the late Joseph Mayhew. She is ranked sixth with a GPA of 4.290. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Leos Club. She is the Student Body Parliamentarian, and President and founder of the Awakening Club; and she has been awarded numerous academic subject awards. She is also a member of the varsity softball and tennis teams. Jordan plans to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia and major in Psychology.

**Taryn Eubank** is the daughter of Alan and Teresa Eubank. She is ranked seventh with a GPA of 4.248. She is the Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and a member of Awakening and the Juggling Club. She is a member of the varsity volleyball and basketball teams, and earned most valuable volleyball player

for Pampa and District 1-3AAA, and earned All-State Academic in Volleyball. Taryn plans to attend Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas to play volleyball and pursue a degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Then, she plans to attend Pharmacy School.

**Trevor McVay** is the son of Mark and Ginger McVay. He is ranked eighth with a GPA of 4.219. He is Parliamentarian of the National Honor Society and Student Body Chaplain. He is a member of the Show Choir, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Spanish Club, Juggling Club, Rotary Interact, and ASTRA. He is also a member of the varsity soccer and track teams, and received the Soccer Leadership Award. He has earned the honor of Eagle Scout, and is active in Boy Scouts of America. Trevor plans to attend the University of Texas A & M at Galveston and major in Marine Biology.

**Dale Montgomery** is the son of Melinda Hogan and Monty and Tracy Montgomery. He is ranked ninth with a GPA of 4.182. He is the Vice President of the National Honor Society, and a member of several UIL Academic Teams. He has been awarded numerous Academic UIL awards. He is also a member of the band and the jazz band, was awarded a soloist award at the Texas Tech Jazz Festival, and scored a one at State Ensemble. Dale plans to attend the University of North Texas and majoring in Engineering Technology.

**Joseph Mechelay** is the son of Joe and Edie Mechelay. He is ranked tenth with a GPA of 4.150. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Rotary Interact Club. He is a member of the varsity basketball and golf teams. He was awarded the Fighting Heart Golf Award, and reached the regional finals in basketball. Joseph plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in Biomedical Science / Pre-Med. He will enter the Corps of Cadets and then the Air Force.

**Aaron Silva** is the son of Tony and Martha Zavala. He is ranked eleventh with a GPA of 4.082. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the tennis team. He was awarded the Fighting Heart Award in Tennis, and is a Tennis Regional and State Qualifier.



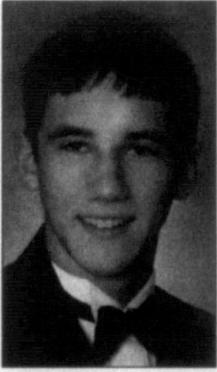
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Howard

Aaron plans to attend West Texas University and major in nursing.

**Ashlee Howard** is the daughter of Jason and Jamie Holland. She is ranked twelfth with a GPA of 4.032. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Leos Club. She is also a member of the Varsity basketball team, and has been a member of the volleyball team. Ashlee plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in Biomedical Science and become a physical therapist.

**Kaitlyn Grant** is the daughter of Chad and Angel Grant. She is ranked thirteenth with a GPA of 3.906. Kaitlyn will be graduating high school in a three year period. She has been a member of the choir and played basketball. Kaitlyn plans to attend West Texas A & M University and major in nursing. She plans to earn her BSN, and then pursue her Master's degree at Texas Christian University.

**Austin Beck** is the son of Tyson and Shannon Beck. He is ranked fourteenth with a GPA of 3.891. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Speech and Debate. He is also a member of the band, is a state qualifier in both solo and ensemble competition, and was voted Most Outstanding Symphonic Band Member. Austin plans to attend Moores School of Music at the University of Houston and major in Music Education.

**Kayla Hughes** is the daughter of Russell and Trisha Hughes. She is ranked fifteenth with a GPA of 3.880. She is a member of Student Council, Awakening Club, Leos Club, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. She is a member of the varsity basketball team, and was awarded the 6th man award, defensive mention in basketball. Kayla plans to attend Angelo State University and major in Biochemistry / Pre-Med.

**Madilyn Shults** is the daughter of Wendell and Charla Shults. She is ranked sixteenth with a GPA of 3.869. She is a member of the National Honor Society and President of Future Farmers of America. She has received numerous FFA and Leadership Development Event awards; she and received the Texas FFA State Lonestar Degree. She also received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. She is also on the varsity softball team. Madilyn plans to attend West Texas A & M University and major

**Angela Rendon** is the daughter of Julie Howard, Henry Rendon and Leon Schreck. She is ranked 17th with a GPA of 3.861. She has received numerous subject awards. She is a member of the concert

choir and the soccer team. She plans to attend West Texas A & M University and major in Pre-Pharmacy.

**Jenna Munsell** is the daughter of Paul and Shauna Munsell. She is ranked eighteenth with a GPA of 3.857. She is Committee Chairman of the National Honor Society, and Student Council Representative; and she has been awarded numerous subject awards. She is a member of the concert and show choirs, Student Against Destructive Decisions. She is also a cheerleader, and participates in dance and gymnastics. Jenna plans to attend the University of Oklahoma or East Central University and major in Dentistry and specialize in Orthodontics.

**Jessica Gutierrez** is the daughter of Angelica Lemke. She is ranked nineteenth with a GPA of 3.854. She is a member of the Spanish and Art Clubs. She is a member of the swim team, was nominated as Senior Swimmer of the Year, and was Swimming District Champion and Regional Qualifier for four years. Jessica plans to complete her basic courses at Clarendon College in Pampa, and then transfer to West Texas A & M University to pursue a degree in accounting, computer animations, or computer software.

**Jacquelyn Karson** is the daughter of Chris and Stacy Karson. She is ranked twentieth with a GPA of 3.826. She is the Student Body Treasurer and the Choir Secretary. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and the Juggling Club. She was voted Most Outstanding Choir Member for three years. Jacquelyn plans to attend Brigham Young University, and major in Music Education with choral emphasis.

**Hannah Smith** is the daughter of Charles and Karen Smith. She is ranked twenty-first with a GPA of 3.824. She is Vice President of the Band, Juggling Club Representative, and has been the Little Harvester Newspaper Editor for two years. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and UIL Academics. She is a state qualifier in ensemble band competition, and a member of the varsity tennis team. Hannah plans to attend St. Edwards University and major in graphic design.

**Cynthia Solis** is the daughter of Salvador and Rosario Solis. She is ranked twenty-second with a GPA of 3.812. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the German Club. She is the Color guard Captain for the Band, and is a state qualifier in ensemble. She has been awarded several subject awards. Cynthia plans to complete her basic courses at Clarendon College, and then transfer to West Texas A & M University and major in nursing.



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## NEW OFFICERS



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**Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter** of Beta Sigma Phi new officers for 2011-2012 are (left to right) Nita Hill (President), Carolyn Smith (Vice President), Barb Benyshek (Recording Secretary), Monica Leonard (Corresponding Secretary) and Pat Kindle (Treasurer).

## BUNDLES OF JOY



Ethan Paul Joiner

## Joiner family welcomes new baby boy Ethan Paul

Monty Paul and Lana Joiner announce the birth of their son, Ethan Paul Joiner, born Feb. 10, 2011 in Amarillo. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 13 ozs. and was 21 1/4 inches long. He joins a sister, K'Leigh Jo and a brother, Isaac.

Grandparents are Monty and Darlis Joiner of McLean and Phil and Carol Richmond of Pampa. Great Grandparents are Thelma and the late Vindle Matthews and the late Bo and Helen Dyer.

## Weekly Menus

### Pampa Senior Citizens Center

**MONDAY, May 9**

Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, sour cream potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin spice cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread

**TUESDAY, May 10**

Taco salad or chicken ala king/cornbread, curly fries, Spanish rice, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin, strawberry shortcake, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread

**WEDNESDAY, May 11**

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin Hurricane oatmeal cake, lemon pie, fruit cup, ot roll or cornbread

**THURSDAY, May 12**

Chicken strips or liver and onions, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, buttered corn, blackeyed peas, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin, cherry chocolate cake, bread pudding, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread

**FRIDAY, May 13**

Cod fish filet /hushpuppies or tamales /chili/cheese, potato wedges, cheese hominy casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin, turtle brownies, tapioca cup, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

### Pampa Meals on Wheels

**MONDAY, May 9**

Barbeque meatballs, potatoe salad, baked beans, apricots

**TUESDAY, May 10**

Ham loaf, hominy casserole, zucchini/tomatoes, pineapple

**WEDNESDAY, May 11**

Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, peaches

**THURSDAY, May 12**

Shepherds pie, corn , pickled beets, plums

**FRIDAY, May 13**

Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, peas, applesauce

### Pampa Independent School District

**MONDAY, May 9**

Pbj uncrustable, \*pig in a blanket (Wilson and PJHS only) or chicken nuggets, green beans, cheesy potatoes, mixed fruit

**Breakfast** - french toast

**TUESDAY, May 10**

Ravioli or pizza, corn, western beans, pears, garlic toast, cookie

**Breakfast** - biscuit

**WEDNESDAY, May 11**

**Breakfast** for lunch or steak fingers, potato rounds, rosie applesauce, biscuit

**Breakfast** - cinnamon tastries

**THURSDAY, May 12**

Philly sandwich or popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, English peas, peaches

**Breakfast** - pancake 'n sausage on a stick, syrup

**FRIDAY, May 13**

Bean & cheese burrito, hot dog, french fries, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, Spanish rice

**Breakfast** - cereal



**Brenda Tucker**, Altrusa District Nine Past Governor (left), presents Kerrick Horton (foreground) Pampa Altrusan the Edith Debusk President's Award. Others pictured are (from left) Beth Blair, vice governor and Kathy Folley, governor.

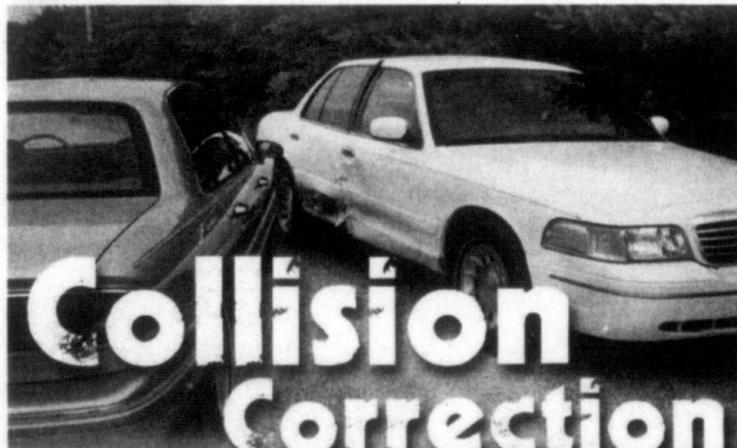
## Horton honored by Altrusans

Altrusa International, Inc. District Nine Conference was held in Dallas, Texas April 29-May1, 2011 at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center. Thirty-one Altrusa clubs in Texas and approximately 300 members attended the conference. The following Pampa Altrusans attended: Kathryn Green, Kitty Hall, Kerrick Horton, Eileen Kludt, Rochelle Lacy, Kadda Schale, Julia Sparkman, Brenda Tucker, Judy Warner, Allison Watson, Sheila Winton and Pat Johnson.

The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Sarah Weddington, professor, attorney, speaker and author who is well-known for her work on issues affecting women. A founding member of the Foundation for Women's Resources, she has been integral in all its activities, including the Leadership Texas and Leadership America programs and the creation of the Women's Museum, which opened September 29, 2000, in Dallas, Texas.

Kerrick Horton who served as president for 2009-2010 club year was awarded the first place Edith DeBusk President's Award. The award was an achievement for the club activities during Horton's term as president.

Other awards presented to the Pampa club were third place yearbook and fourth place in membership which was based on 11 members with perfect attendance.



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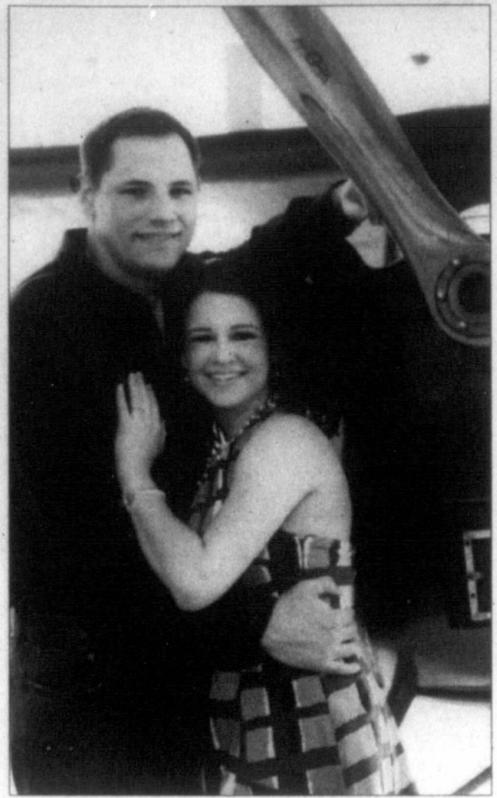
## HOSPITAL AUXILIARY



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Recently elected 2011 officers for Pampa Regional Medical Center Auxiliary are (from left) Virgil James, president; Sharon Clark, 1st vice president; Marlene Kyle, 2nd vice president; Esther McAdoo recording secretary; Betty Scarbrough, treasurer; Retta Sue Durham, parliamentarian; Albert Maggard, advisory committee; Richard Kastein, corresponding secretary. Not pictured are Nancy Hollingwood, historian and Barbara James, advisory committee. The auxiliary donated 8,379 hours to the center last year. The group celebrated Volunteer Week with a luncheon at the Country Club last week.

## WEDDING BELLS



Gregory Wiley and Lauren Garnett

## Garnett, Williams to marry in May

Tom and Kelly Russell of Inyokern, CA, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie Garnett, of Lubbock, to Gregory Dale Wiley, Gregory, of Pampa, is

the son of Preston and Cheryl Wile of Pampa. A wedding is planned for Saturday, May 28, 2011 in the Watson Building in Lubbock.

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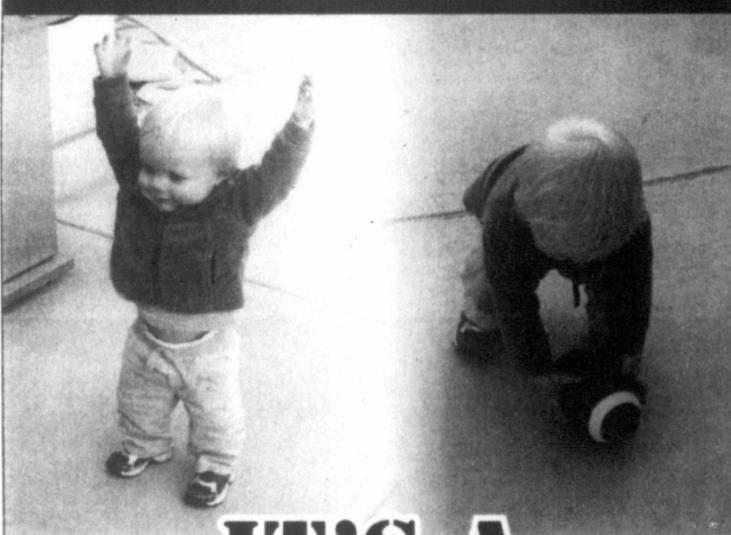
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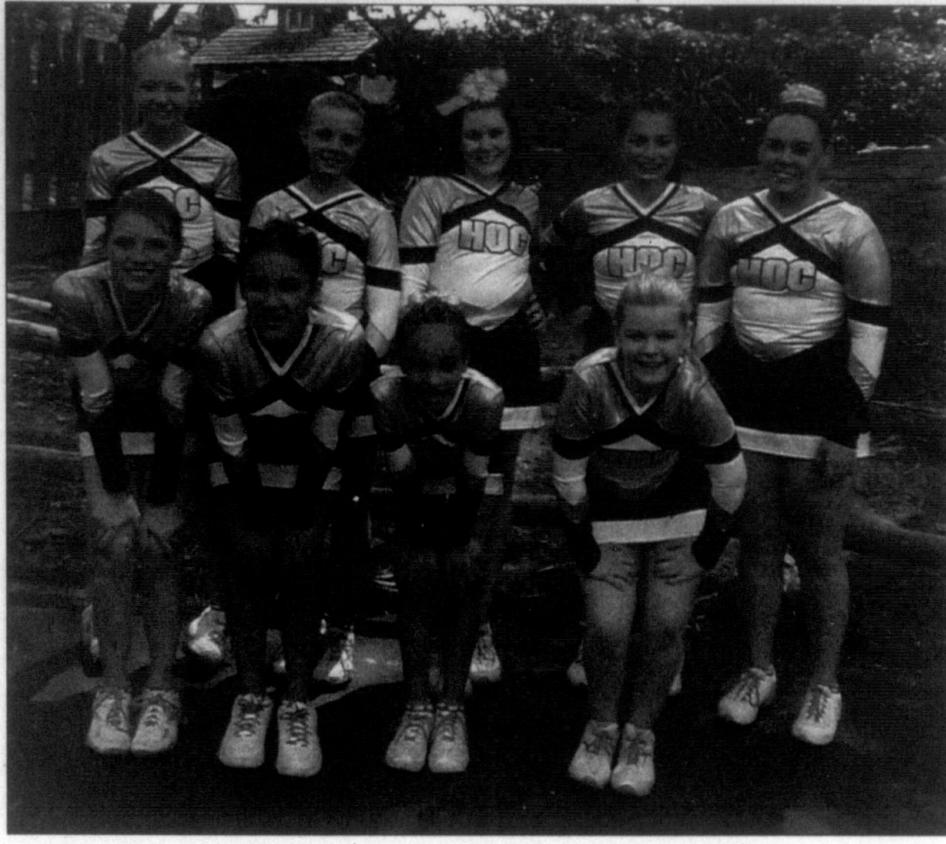
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## THREE CHEERS FOR THIRD PLACE



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Gymnastics of Pampa's competitive cheer squad recently wrapped up its 2010-2011 competition season with its final competition at Frontier City earlier this month. They turned in an outstanding performance and returned with the third place trophy. This competition was hosted by MCDA Cheer Company. Back row, from left - Whitney Browning (Lefors), Savannah Davis (White Deer), Jaycee Garth, Vanessa Ontiveros and Danielle Bowers (all from Pampa); front row, from left - Callie McDonald (White Deer), Alexis Valenzuela (Canadian), Victoria Valenzuela (Canadian) and Samantha Clancy (Pampa). The squad is coached by Kathy Rice and Collin Rains.

## Students earn early degrees



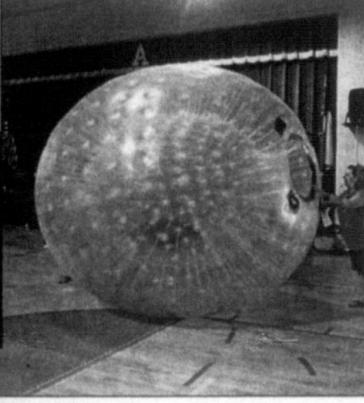
**Hahna Tipps**, (from left), Brenden Rice, Danielle Zuniga, and Blanca Salinas were honored recently by the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education and Clarendon College for completing their Associates Degree from Clarendon College while attending high school. They will be attending Commencement services in Clarendon on May 6.

## Mother's Day flowers



**Mothers Day** was celebrated with fresh flowers at Ford Family Chiropractic of Pampa. Pictured is Elma Elsheimer of Pampa receiving a carnation from Dr. Samuel Gordon of Ford Family Chiropractic.

## Fun at Austin Elementary fundraiser



staff photos by David Bowser



**Clockwise from top left** - Jon Decker, left, with Great American Opportunities shows Cole Salazar and Justin Titus how the laser guns work during the Games2U fundraiser at Austin Elementary School this week. Hallie Sieck rolls across the gym floor in a large inflatable ball. Christy Reeves, a mom in the Austin Elementary Booster Club, helps guide the huge inflatable ball that kids could ride in across the gym floor at school. Hunter Heiskeil watches the game console in a Games2U van.

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## ENDURING LOVE



Jim and Kathy Logan

## Logans celebrate 50th anniversary

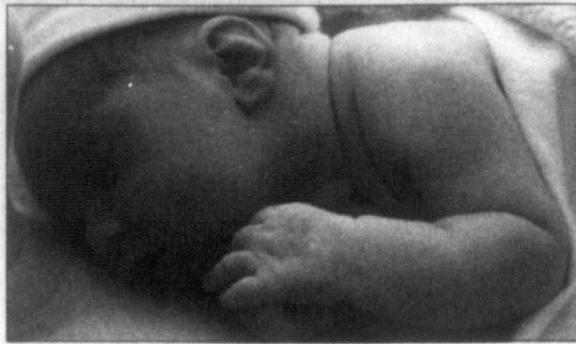
Jim and Kathy Logan of Pampa, TX will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14, 2011 at the Pampa Country Club. Jim and Kathy Logan married Kathy Ballantyne on May 15, 1961 in Kansas City, Mo. They have lived in Pampa for 29 years. Jim worked for Phillips Petroleum for 34 years and retired in 2007. Kathy worked for the

Pampa Police Department in the records department for ten years and retired in 1997. The Logans attend St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Pampa. Children of the couple are Jim and Jo Logan and Greg and Renita Logan, all of Pampa, and David and Robin Logan of Kansas City, MO. They have 7 grandchildren.

## BUNDLES OF JOY

### Son joins Smillie family

Amanda and Clint Smillie of Pampa announce the birth of their son, Pierson Paul Smillie, born April 7, 2011 in Borger. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 9 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are R. J. and Sandy Howell and Wanda and Brad Smillie. Great-grandparents are Mary Howell and Juanita Morrin. Aunts are Amy Grant and Jessica Preston.



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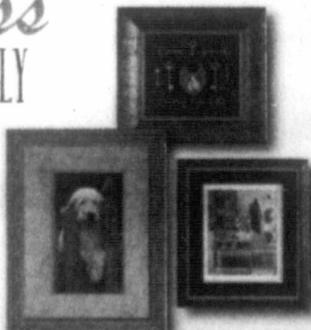
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## Pirates strike early, Harvesters' late rally falls short

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CANYON — The Pampa Harvesters were experiencing the playoffs for the first time. Early on their nerves showed, and a late rally wasn't enough as the Harvesters lost 7-4 to the No. 9 Lubbock Cooper Pirates in Game One of the bi-district round at West Texas A&M's Wilder Park.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he was pleased with how his team finished the game.

"I preached don't be nervous and that's easier said than done," Snelgrooes said. "Coaches down to players, trainers and statisticians we were all pretty nervous. We got the butterflies out of us by the third or fourth inning and came to play."

Senior pitcher Garrett Ericson (4-4) took the loss with seven runs (three earned) allowed on nine hits, walked two, hit two while striking out five.

In the first inning, Ericson struggled to find the strike zone only throwing four strikes to the first five batters. Steven Hart hit one of those strikes for a two-RBI double to left. Ericson walked the next batter but got the next one to pop out and ended the inning with a strikeout called. Lubbock Cooper led 2-0.

The senior pitcher said he had to deal with a tight strike zone.

"I'm going to run into that," Ericson said. "I just have to adapt to that. I couldn't get my curve ball going. I don't know what's up with that."

The Pirates (27-5, 8-2) took advantage of a couple of Harvester errors in the second. Scotland Church led off with single. A sacrifice fly by Jon Chandler Keane brought him home. With two outs in the inning, Adam Taylor was hit by a pitch then stole second. A passed ball allowed Ryan Hixon to score. Senior catcher Brent Green quickly recovered the ball but Ericson was late getting to the plate. Green's throw went past first allowing Taylor to score. The Harvesters trailed 5-0 after two.

Offensively, Pampa wasn't able to

put anything together in the first three innings. Green was the only baserunner on a walk in the bottom of the first. Eight of nine outs in the first three innings were by strikeouts with four of them called.

Lubbock Cooper added a run in the third and fourth. In the bottom of the fourth, Pampa's bats got going. With one out junior Jared Lusk singled to left. Junior Collin Killgo followed with a double. Senior Tyler Malone singled to left and scored senior Mitch Simon. Simon played in his first game since the March 29 district opener. The senior second baseman missed most of district with a tendon injury. An errant pick off throw by Pete Bednarz and another error allowed Killgo and Malone to score. The Harvesters trailed 7-3 after four innings.

Pampa made another cut into their deficit in the bottom of the sixth. Green led off with a walk and sophomore Chris Howard ran for him. With two outs, Malone hit a triple that just missed going over the wall and scored Howard.

Malone said the team got Lubbock Cooper nervous towards the end of the game.

"They put in different pitchers thinking we were going to come back," Malone said. "We did pretty good after the first couple innings and started playing baseball again."

The Harvesters (13-15, 5-4) made it interesting in the final inning. Senior Zach Murray led off with a single. Green advanced him to third on a single with one out. Lusk was hit by a pitch to load the base. Killgo and Malone struck out to end the game.

Snelgrooes said he couldn't have asked for a better situation in the last inning.

"Anytime you have bases loaded, one out, your four and five hole up and a chance to tie or win the game, I'm excited about that," Snelgrooes said.

Pampa faces elimination in today's Game Two at 1 p.m. and must win the next two games.



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Senior Tyler Malone rounds second base on a sixth inning triple. Malone drove in three runs but despite his efforts the Harvesters lost 7-4 to the Lubbock Cooper Pirates in Game One of the bi-district round.

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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters' errors prove costly, face elimination

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters were looking for a strong start in their first 3A playoff appearance. Unfortunately, a fourth inning surge by the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes sent the Lady Harvesters to an 8-3 Game One defeat in the Area round at Lubbock Coronado.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said errors were the difference in the game.

"We had eight errors," Gill said. "Four or five of those were in the fourth inning."

Only three of the Rangerettes' eight runs were earned.

The loss was the Lady Harvesters first since they lost to Bowie in the Pilot Point Tournament March 15, snapping a 14-game winning streak. Junior pitcher Heather Coffee (14-3) started and snapped a nine-game winning streak. Pampa never led.

The Rangerettes took the lead in the bottom of the second. An error by sophomore Bailey Beck allowed two runs to score giving Midland Greenwood a 2-0 lead after two innings.

The Lady Harvesters (26-8, 9-0)

responded in the top of the third and tied the game. In the bottom of the third, Pampa held the Rangerettes scoreless. Though in the fourth inning, the Lady Harvesters weren't able to respond.

Midland Greenwood (13-18) took control in the bottom of the fourth scoring four runs and taking a 6-2 lead. Pampa scored another run in the top of the fifth but didn't get closer.

Beck led the Lady Harvesters in hitting with a home run and a two-RBI single.

Gill said Beck hit the ball well.

"She drove in all three of our runs," Gill said. "She was pretty much our only threat."

Coffee, sophomores Claire Hopkins and Martecia Alexander and senior Jordan Mayhew also had base hits.

For the Rangerettes, Kristal Hillis, Kandace Hillis and Emily Dye each hit a double. Kendall Maddox was the winning pitcher.

The Lady Harvesters face a must win today. Game Two is at 12 p.m. and if Pampa wins Game Three will be 30 minutes later.

Gill said her team is ready to get going. "We've been in this position before we just have to pull through," Gill said.

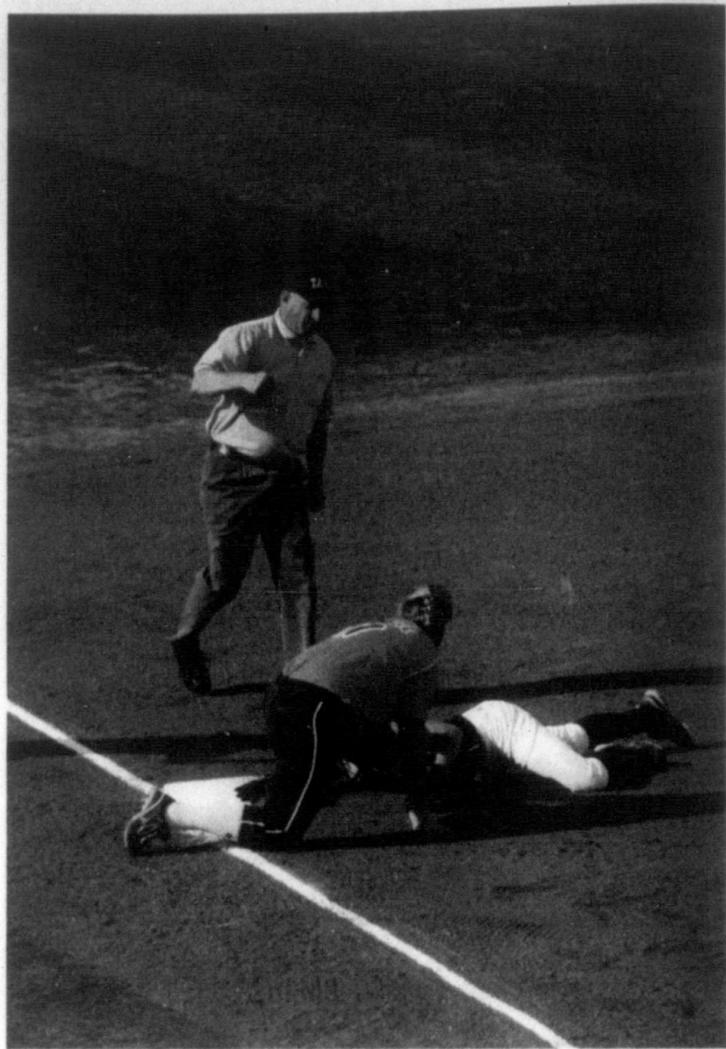


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Junior Heather Coffee tags out a Midland Greenwood base runner Friday. The Lady Harvesters lost 8-3 and Coffee suffered her first loss since March 15.

### MORE ON BASEBALL BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

## Lifting the Canyon Curse: My day with the Harvesters

Canyon has not been kind to Pampa Harvester and Lady Harvester athletics. Last November, the volleyball team and football team saw their seasons end in the city. The girls basketball team lost three games in a tournament.

Lo and behold, the Harvesters baseball team was playing their bi-district playoff series at West Texas A&M's Wilder Park in, you guessed it... in that place that starts with a C. What makes things a little more eerie is the baseball field is down the street from the Randall County Justice Center, where several have been sent to death row.

But with that said, I still had hope that the Harvesters would prevail. Friday they came against Lubbock Cooper's crew of Pirates, which we met in the football playoffs last November.

Unlike the previous meeting against Lubbock Cooper, I had my colors straight with my gold golf shirt. Since it was hot outside I was thirsty and was going to get a Powerade. Just one problem: They didn't sell yellow. I said, "Forget it, I'll take a Dr. Pepper" (even though it was twice as much than at Harvester Field). This time, my bases were covered.

The game got off to an ugly start. About as ugly as the beginning of "Angels in the



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Outfield." Errors had Pampa in a deep hole in the bottom of the fourth. Fortunately, Coach Snelgrooves and senior Garrett Ericson, kept their cool unlike George Knox and Frank Gates in the movie.

The way the Harvesters bats were going in the first three innings, it looked like it would be a short day. I was thinking that I would be home in time to catch the end of the Lady Harvesters' playoff opener. After hearing the result of that game I was glad I didn't.

Then the game turned. Pampa's bats got going and started making a game of it. I was starting to wonder if they would bring back memories of those late inning victories that my Colorado Rockies pulled off. Sadly, this game didn't have that ending so Pampa now faces elimination today. I still believe Pampa can lift the dreadful curse of Canyon but it will take all they got. Hopefully, around 6 p.m. today we will be wondering where we are going next.

### NBA PLAYOFFS

## Kobe not counting Lakers out despite facing 3-0 deficit

DALLAS (AP) — Kobe Bryant knows the deal. His Los Angeles Lakers are down 0-3 to the Dallas Mavericks and none of the 98 NBA teams facing that deficit have ever come back to win a series.

Yet Bryant also knows his team has won the last two championships, and reached the finals three straight years. And that his soon-to-be-retired coach has won a record 11 championships and has never been swept in his 20 years on the sideline.

Bryant also realizes how close his team is to leading this series 2-1. They blew a 16-point lead in the opener, losing only in the final seconds, and on Friday night they fell apart down the stretch again on the way to a 98-92 loss.

So, with all that in mind, he made this declaration following the Game 3 defeat: "I think we're still going to win the series."

Confidence, eh? Well, he also prefaced that line by laughing and saying, "I might be sick in the head or crazy."

The Lakers have mostly themselves to blame for being in this predicament. Leading by seven with 5:05 left, and having controlled the game throughout the second half, they got sloppy on defense. They gave Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Terry and Peja Stojakovic wide open shots, and that turned things around in a hurry.

A 20-7 closing run jump-started by 3s from Nowitzki and Stojakovic put the Mavericks on the verge of not only winning this series, but pulling off a sweep. Dallas can move to the Western Conference finals for the first time since 2006 with a victory at home on Sunday.

"We're not good enough to relax or take the pedal off the metal," Nowitzki said. "You don't want to ever give a champion life, so hopefully we can have the same effort and the same crowd and a great game on Sunday."

The Mavericks scored 32 points in the fourth quarter, the most by either team in any period this series. Bryant said the Lakers helped by making "some of the dumbest defensive mistakes I've seen us make all year."

"We're disappointed," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who has never been down 0-3 in a series, much less been swept, in 20 years as an NBA coach. "We feel like Games 1 and 3 we controlled the pace of the games. They were better at finishing the games than we were. But we still believe we're going to win the next

game and we'll go from there."

Nowitzki and the Mavericks want to get this over with as soon as possible.

This veteran-filled club would love to avoid another long round-trip flight and to start resting up for the next series. Dallas would be the home team in the conference finals, regardless of whether Oklahoma City or Memphis advances.

For a franchise that's perennially under-achieved, and is still trying to overcome blowing a 2-0 lead in the 2006 NBA finals, ending this series Sunday also would send a great message about their chances of winning their first title. It also would avoid any chance of yet another postseason disaster.

"We don't want to open the door for them because then it will be hard to close," forward Shawn Marion said.

Missing the suspended Ron Artest, Jackson gambled with a starting lineup featuring 6-foot-10 Lamar Odom at small forward, alongside 7-footers Andrew Bynum and Pau Gasol. The Lakers logically pounded the ball inside with great results. Even Bryant started getting into the paint, making his first layup of the series.

Perhaps Artest's absence caught up to them at the end. Jackson acknowledged "there was some fatigue factor in there." He also admitted that his super-sized lineup was much better protecting the paint than defending the 3-point line.

And there was that Nowitzki fellow. Dallas' superstar scored 32 points, making 12 of 19 shots. With the Lakers' big guys crowding the lane, he went back to his roots and got comfortable behind the 3-point line, burying 4 of 5. He only attempted four free throws, but made them all.

"Just about everything that happened down the stretch was a direct result of him either scoring the ball or making a play to get somebody a shot, or make a pass for an assist for a 3 or a 2 or whatever it was," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said.

A record Dallas crowd of 21,156 — most wearing royal-blue giveaway T-shirts that read, "The Time Is Now," with the Mavs logo in place of the basketball on top of the championship trophy — went through the usual chants of "De-fense!" and "Beat LA!" without much impact through the first three quarters. With the game on the line, they got to their feet and helped the home team tain its final push.

### Quick Summary Lubbock Cooper 7, Pampa 4

Winning and losing pitchers: WP Nolan Savage (7-3) LP Garrett Ericson (4-4) SV: Adam Taylor (2)

It was over when: Tyler Malone struck out with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh.

Game ball go to: Steven Hart Jr., Cooper Hart hit a two-RBI double in the top of the first and drove in a run on a fielder's choice.

Pampa game ball goes to: Tyler Malone Sr. Malone hit a RBI single and a RBI triple while scoring one run.

Moment of the Game: Pampa senior Mitch Simon who hasn't played since March 29 with a tendon injury, pinch ran and scored the Harvesters first run in the bottom of the fourth.

Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Cooper	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	7	9	2
Pampa	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	7	4

2B-Cooper: Steven Hart, Scotland Church, Ethan Kohnle Pampa: Collin Killgo  
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#### Lubbock Cooper Pitching

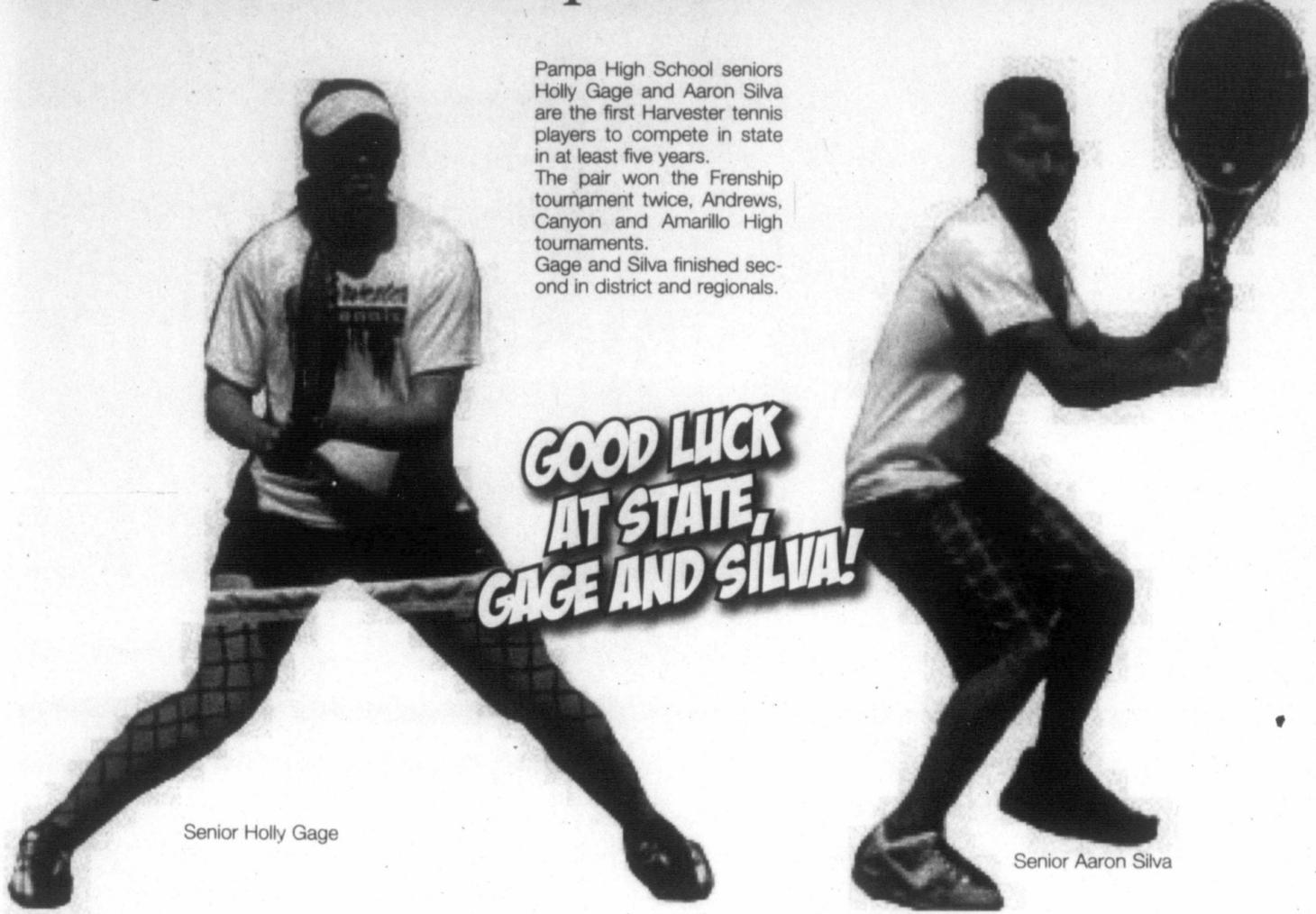
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Savage	5 2/3	5	4	2	4	0	11
Baker	1/3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	1	1	0	0	0	1	3

#### Pampa Pitching

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	HP	K
Ericson	7	9	7	4	2	2	5

# Sports

## Meet your PHS state qualifier mixed doubles team



Pampa High School seniors Holly Gage and Aaron Silva are the first Harvester tennis players to compete in state in at least five years. The pair won the Frenship tournament twice, Andrews, Canyon and Amarillo High tournaments. Gage and Silva finished second in district and regionals.

Senior Holly Gage

Senior Aaron Silva

## Gage and Silva set for state tourney

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Today, Pampa High School seniors Holly Gage and Aaron Silva are on their way to Austin and hope to finish their careers strong in the State Tennis Tournament Monday and Tuesday in Austin.

Gage said practice has been different with the focus just on them. "We are hitting most of the balls," Gage said.

Silva said he's looking forward to competing in state.

"Our hard work paid off," Silva said. "I'm ready to play."

Gage said the key for her and Silva is to relax.

"I tend to tense up in the pressure matches," Gage said. "I just need to relax and focus on winning the next ball."

Gage and Silva aren't strangers to tough matches. They had to win a play-back match at the regional

tournament to qualify for state.

Silva said they have a good chance at winning.

"If we play like we normally play, we got a good chance," Silva said.

The mixed doubles team's first match is at 1 p.m. against Nathan Sandel and Kim Konceny from Bellville. If Gage and Silva win they play at 3:30 p.m. The championship is 9 a.m. Tuesday.

## Thunder head coach Brooks credits mother for work ethic

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — With all the coaches he's met around the NBA, Oklahoma City's Scott Brooks has no doubt who played the biggest role in molding him into a head coach.

His mother. Growing up in Northern California as the youngest of seven children, Brooks never really knew his father. He had left by the time Brooks was 2 and died without a reunion with his youngest son.

It was up to his mother, Lee, to provide for the family — building and rebuilding automotive parts and working in the fields.

"You worked every day to earn what's on the table, literally. It was a week-to-week thing," Brooks said. "And I wouldn't change it. I would not change it for anything. I don't like the fact that she has suffered a lot of tough times financially, but she doesn't complain and I wouldn't change anything."

The same characteristics Brooks learned growing up are the same ones he tries to instill in the Thunder, who are tied with the Memphis Grizzlies 1-1 entering Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinals Saturday in Memphis.

Work hard every day. Don't complain. Make the best of what you have.

"She provided toughness every day. Every day, she would wake up whether she wasn't feeling good or sick. When you don't have much and you need to be at work, there's no such thing as being sick," Brooks said. "To see her do that, it inspired me and my brothers and sisters. I was able to see that every day."

"There was no off days on her being a mom. She was dedicated.

She gave her life. She never remarried. She gave her life to making her kids better off, and we all are better off for what she has done."

When Brooks was named the NBA's coach of the year last season following the Thunder's best-in-the-league 27-win improvement, he thanked a line of coaches from his high school on up to Jim Lynam, who gave him a chance with the Philadelphia 76ers that led to an 11-year career and the 1994 NBA title with Houston.

But he saved the biggest thank you for last: "I believe this with all my heart: The greatest coach of all time in my eyes is my mom."

"She's instilled in me a toughness and a perseverance and just a never-quit mentality, and I thank her every day for providing me, for what she sacrificed her life for."

Lee Brooks is her son's biggest fan. She rarely attends games, but she's always watching from back home in Lathrop, Calif., where the 78-year-old still works every day at the family's car wash.

"I don't like to fly. I hate flying," she said. "I'd rather watch it on TV because I've got it right smack in front of me. I pull my stool up right in front of the TV so I'm right up at the TV screen yelling. They can't hear me but I'm yelling."

And if she attended in person, she said, "I might be thrown out."

Even if he can't hear it right then, Brooks eventually gets her message. She'll frequently call him or text him after games to chip in her two cents — almost always telling what he could do better while supporting his players.

"I tell him like it is," she said. "I tell him this person, why don't

you tell him to step up and do what they're supposed to do?"

"In fact, I told him this: You shouldn't be the coach. I should be the coach because I have the temper for it. He's the calm, cool one."

It's always been that way. The most trouble she remembers Brooks getting into when he was a teenager was talking too much to his friends in class because learning seemed to come naturally.

But he was a hard worker, too. To help his family, he'd get out with his brothers and sisters to work in the fields "all day to go to McDonald's for dinner at night."

Late at night, he'd sneak into a gym to work on his game, sometimes until midnight. It was a habit that helped prepare a 5-foot-11 point guard for the work it would take to stick in the league for over a decade.

"I always hope to be like her. I don't know if I can ever become her but he has instilled so much in me — just a work ethic. You earn everything that you get. You don't want and you don't look for freebies, she's always taught me," Brooks said.

"To this day, I hate walnuts and I hate onions because on weekends when the walnuts and onions were in season, we were out there first thing in the morning and out there until the sun went down topping onions or picking walnuts."

"To this day, I won't touch them, I don't look at them, I don't want them in the house but it's because of that work ethic that she's instilled that's really made me an NBA player and now an NBA coach."

It's that "old school, no-day-off mentality" that has stuck with Brooks to this day.

### this week in SPORTS:

- MAY 9 Monday**
  - Ladie Night Scramble, Hidden Hills
  - Recreation Kickball Division One, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex
  - Tennis State Quarterfinals, 1 p.m., Austin
  - Tennis State Semifinals, 3:30 p.m., Austin\*
- MAY 10 Tuesday**
  - Recreation Softball Division One, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex
  - Tennis State Finals, 9 a.m., Austin\*
- MAY 11 Wednesday**
  - Hidden Hills Senior Scramble
  - Recreation Kickball Division Two, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex
- MAY 12 Thursday**
  - Recreation Softball Division Two, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex
- MAY 13 Friday**
  - Varsity Baseball Area, TBA.\*
  - Varsity Softball Regional Quarterfinals, TBA\*
- MAY 14 Saturday**
  - Varsity Baseball Area, TBA.\*
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  - Pampa Partnership, 9 a.m., Country Club

\* The Tennis State Semifinals and finals and The Varsity Baseball and Softball games will only happen if they advance

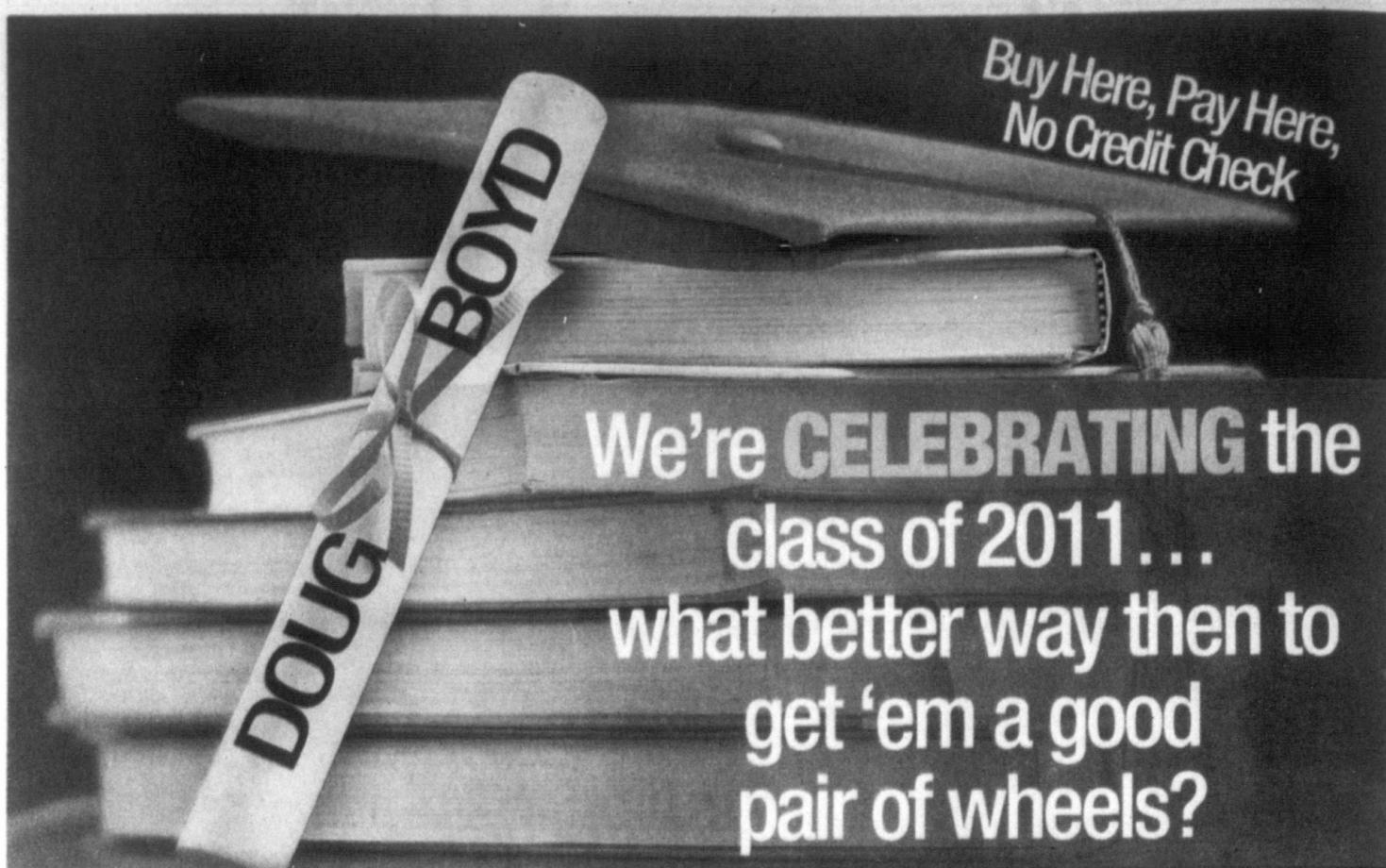
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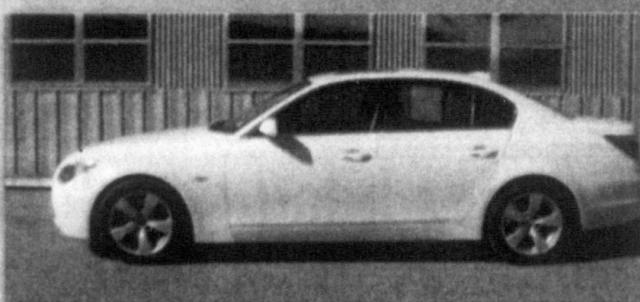
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## Rain brings some relief, but drought still hangs over state

**COLLEGE STATION** — Strong storm cells swept through parts of East and North Central Texas on April 27, bringing tornadoes along with some much needed rain, reported Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the same storm complex that gave rise to the tornadoes brought as much as 5 inches of rain to parts of extreme north-east Texas. Central portions of East Texas in the Tyler and Longview area received 3 to 4 inches.

More common was the 1 inch to 1.5 inches that was received in parts of Central and North Texas and the Rolling Plains region. Parts of the Panhandle received a trace of rain to 0.5 inch, while the drought worsened in South and West Texas.

As the drought worsened in those areas, dryland spring crops were failing, and farmers were forced to delay or restrict planting of later-season crops such as cotton and grain sorghum, according to reports from AgriLife Extension county agents.

"The dryland wheat crop is very slim this year; some partial fields may be harvested, but with very low yields," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent in Deaf Smith County. "The irrigated wheat is surviving with producers having very high inputs into these crops. Many producers are opting to wait on moisture before planting anything. Those that were planting corn on limited-water areas are looking at cotton or commercial grain sorghum in some cases."

"Cotton plantings are not far off, and there are stories out there that there is already some cotton in the ground. At \$300 a bag for cottonseed, it would seem that producers would take more care than that."

"Total precipitation averaged 0.2 inch for the county, which wasn't much, but everyone is thankful for what we got," said Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent for Motley County, southeast of Amarillo. "This year's winter wheat crop didn't last long as there was absolutely no moisture for it to grow. Farmers are still trying to prepare acres for this year's cotton crop, but they are having difficult times. Without any measurable moisture, fields are as hard as a rock and producers are having trouble get-



ting a plow in the ground." "Lake and pond levels improved from the runoff," said Rick Hirsch, AgriLife Extension agent in Henderson County, west of Tyler, who reported his area got from 1 inch to 4 inches of rain. "Hay supplies are still short, and producers are feeding hay and supplements. Grass was responding slowly to improving growing conditions."

"We're still super dry and windy, and still no measurable moisture since September in most areas of the county," said Arlan Gentry, AgriLife Extension agent for Ward County, north of Fort Stockton. "Range and pastures are very dry, brittle and brown, and set up for a major wildfire."

"Corn is still green, however it is only 3 to 4 feet tall and starting to tassel; wheat is stunted as well," said Joe Taylor, AgriLife Extension agent for Atascosa County, south of San Antonio. "It will be interesting to find out what is really out there to harvest."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**PANHANDLE:** Most of the region received some rain, from a trace up to 1 inch. Soil-moisture levels were very poor. Wildfire danger remained very high. Dryland wheat continued to deteriorate; even where there was rain, it came a little too late. Corn planting was in full swing in most areas. Farmers were actively irrigating wheat and corn, and preparing land for spring plantings. Rangeland was mostly in poor to very poor condition. Cattle were in good condition with continued supplemental feeding.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Some parts of the region received rain, while other areas have not had any moisture in months. Palo Pinto County received 1 inch to 3 inches of rain and light hail. Fires in that county were 100 percent contained. In Palo Pinto County, 126,000 acres burned before the rain came. Parker County

received from 0.4 inch to 2 inches of rain. However, drought conditions still

reigned across much of the region. Producers were bailing failed wheat that was released by insurance companies, even though it was only making a half round bale per acre. Livestock producers were evaluating cattle condition and hay and forage supplies to attempt to make hard choices about herd reductions. For the first time in a long time, cattle prices dropped and producers were starting to sell down and not buying replacements. Ponds were drying up. Irrigated cotton producers were preparing to plant in early May, while dryland farmers were waiting for a change in weather patterns. Parker County reported that the pecan crop looked pretty good. Monitoring for pecan nut case bearer was under way.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Conditions were very dry, with no significant precipitation. Temperatures varied from mild to hot to near freezing in some counties. Winds gusted to 30 mph and higher during most every day of the reporting period. On April 29, there were gusts of 68 mph. Burn bans remained in effect over the entire region, with some counties reporting new wildfires. Many farmers have turned their wheat in to insurance adjusters. About 80 percent of the wheat crop this year is considered lost. Pastures and rangeland needed rain. Because of lack of grazing, livestock producers still had to provide supplemental feed to cattle. Many farmers were pre-watering fields for a second time in hopes of planting soon. Reports indicate that soil is very dry to a depth of 3 to 6 feet. All aspects of agriculture were struggling.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, May 8, 2011:

This year, you communicate often, yet you might question if your message is received. As a result, many of you will take classes and workshops in how to get your message heard. The years 2011 and 2012 will be significant, as you start a new 12-year luck and/or life cycle, and you will experience Lady Luck at her fullest this year. If you are single, you will draw a very interesting potential suitor. You will make the decision if this is a go or not. If you are attached, the two of you open up to experience a better relationship. Your focus on communication here can never hurt. **CANCER** is far more sensitive than you think.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★ You often have to deal with a lot of tension, and today is no exception. However, stress can also be created by good in one's life. Many positive opportunities often are the source of tension. Curb a tendency to be exasperated by someone. Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: A fireball blasts through the office. That person is you. Enjoy all that energy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ Others get that you mean well, but you might have a difficult or controlling manner. Your sense of humor with the right comment helps others relax. Everyone you know needs to relax and indulge some. You, too. Tonight: Think not of tomorrow.

This Week: Read Aries this week and visualize being that fireball

Wednesday on. You will love it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ Explore for yourself which path works toward a goal. Bringing friends together doesn't always have to cost a lot. Ask others what they would like to do. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: Take advantage of Monday and Tuesday, when agreements seem to happen naturally.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Are you overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate? You also might wonder how this abundance happened. Perhaps you are too easy-going or too responsible. In some way, you encourage this extra work. Establish stronger limits in your mind. Tonight: Like there is no tomorrow.

This Week: Push a project Monday and Tuesday. Campaign on this matter from Wednesday on. See the results!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★ Maintain a low profile. You might enjoy a day with a friend exploring a museum or flea market. Wherever you are, you will loosen up and relax. Laughter surrounds a particular situation. Know that many people would not get it. Tonight: And the fun goes on.

This Week: Others will be hard-pressed to disagree with you. Seize the moment.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Don't lose sight of your original goals. Someone's demands are realistic; consider meeting them. Friends getting together could be a great source of fun and relaxation. Closeness abounds, especially with one person.

Tonight: Only what you want to do.

This Week: Make it OK to be backstage until Wednesday. Then you become the lead actor.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★ You might feel unduly pressured by an older relative or friend. You will tend to step up to the plate and meet his or her expectations. You can do only so much. A community event could be far more important than you originally thought. Tonight: Think "tomorrow," and make an important list.

This Week: You find a lot to smile about Monday and Tuesday. Reflect on recent gains Wednesday and Tuesday.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Your ability to visualize could make the difference between success and failure with a project, a relationship and/or in life itself. Understand more before you make a strong decision in a certain area of your life. Tonight: Talk about vacation plans.

This Week: Honor a request, even if it is more work than you thought. Ultimately, you'll gain.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ Stay close to someone you really care about. You might wonder where the beginning is and at what point you can interfere. The best, of course, is to let this person have his or her own experience. You could be taken aback by everything that goes on. Tonight: Make it comfortable and cozy. Tonight: Dinner for two.

This Week: Do needed research. Let your mind explore different concepts.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ How you deal with all the requests, calls and people reflects who you are intrinsically. Choose what makes you smile and who you want to be with. You don't always have to be responsible and thoughtful. Tonight: Slow down the social pace.

This Week: Work directly with a partner to get ahead on an important project. You might need to go back to the drawing board on some matters.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★ Accomplish what you want. You might want to go off on a picnic or throw a little party for a friend or some children. Just kick back and look at your world again. Remember the first time you saw a rose or a new scenic vista. See the world through a child's eyes. Tonight: Let your hair down.

This Week: Say yes to exploring different opportunities. Study them mid-week on.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Whatever imagination others lack, you more than easily make up for. Make the most of the moment and the people you are with. This point in time remains very unique and special, especially as you are likely to give that extra touch or thought. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

This Week: Dive into work and accomplish as much as you can by Wednesday. People will start to come into your life like a revolving door.

**BORN TODAY**

Presidential adviser Ted Sorenson (1928), musician Alex Van Halen (1953), President Harry Truman (1884)

## BANANAGRAMS!

Add a T to each of the six-letter words below and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new seven-letter word.

CANINE

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Yesterday's Answer: MEATBALL, PIE; APPLE, TIRE; WHEEL, MANHOLE; BUTTON, MARBLE

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## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I were together 11 years — since we were 12 — and married for four. He was killed in a car accident, and I am now a 23-year-old widow. I was in the passenger seat when he died. I sustained multiple injuries, but none as great as the massive anxiety I can't seem to shake.

I have had a great deal of support from friends and family. However, two months after my husband died I began talking to "Brian," a family friend who is going through a divorce. We'd stay up for hours talking about the things we were going through. I have developed love for Brian that is beyond anything I have felt before, built on a great deal of strength and heartache.

We moved fast because of our mutual need to have someone there for us. I feel guilty, however, that I have this relationship so soon after my husband's death. On top of all this, I have huge anxiety, the result of guilt, PTSD and my fear of abandonment.

I feel isolated because I'm so much younger than most widows I meet. Also, because I have the complicating factor of Brian's divorce (with two kids) going on now, I'm afraid my anxiety will never decrease. I can't reject the love I have for him. We've been there for each other through a time of great hardship. I want to be able to relax and enjoy it, not stress out and destroy it. Can you give me any advice? — **YOUNG WIDOW IN PAIN**

**DEAR YOUNG WIDOW:** Allow me to offer

my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband. After what you have been through, it's understandable that you would experience the feelings you have been having. But if you are going to move on in the right direction, I urge you to discuss your current situation with a mental health professional — preferably one who specializes in post-traumatic stress and anxiety.

While it's wonderful that you have met someone so soon, I urge you to make no permanent decisions for at least a year. You and Brian can support each other, but each of you is needy right now, and that's not a basis for a healthy relationship. With time, the anxieties will ease and what's causing them will lessen. If you'll forgive the baseball vernacular, my advice is to bunt rather than try to swing for a home run now. It will improve your odds of not striking out.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife likes to sunbathe in the nude in our side yard. Anyone walking by on the sidewalk, or riding by on a bike or in a car can easily see her over our 3-foot-tall picket fence.

She is a beautiful woman and has nothing to be ashamed of, but knowing strangers can see her in the buff makes me uncomfortable. She says I should get over it. Should I? — **EMBARRASSED ON ELM STREET**

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** Your wife assumes that your neighbors and passersby are as open-minded as she is.

Please remind her that if a mother should walk by with a child, she could be deeply offended, call the police and your sunbathing wife could be charged with indecent exposure. A tall hedge in the front of your side yard would screen her from public view. Please consider it.

**DEAR ABBY:** It's Mother's Day, so I hope you'll allow me to share how I memorialize my mom today since she is no longer living.

My mother was a nurse for many years and worked well past retirement age. She finally had to quit when her body could no longer keep up with the physical demands of the job. She was an extremely caring and self-sacrificing person who would help anyone at any time. She was also a "softie" when it came to homeless animals.

I honor her by always making a point of being scheduled to work on Mother's Day. By doing so, I'm hoping it will free up someone else to spend time with her/his mother. Then I add up my earnings for the day and donate that amount to the local animal shelter.

I can think of no better way to honor the wonderful woman who molded me and gave me the basis of who I am today. — **CELEBRATING MOM IN LIBERTY, TEXAS**

**DEAR CELEBRATING MOM:** Your mother raised a thoughtful, caring and generous child. I'm sure she was as proud of you as you are of her. Thank you for sharing.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 39 Millinery

1 Least wares

believable 40 Vacation spot

7 Nuisance

11 "Seward's Folly"

12 Choir voice

13 Reunion attendee

14 Notorious emperor

15 Concluded

16 Number part

17 Spotted

18 Gaming spot

19 Wine buy

21 Homer's neighbor

22 Presentation graphics

25 Take the title

26 Make over

27 Pal of Porthos

29 Baby's call

33 Made cookies

34 School-bag item

35 Visitor to Siam

36 Governor of Judaea

37 Bar order

38 Shrewdness

### DOWN

1 Oxford parts

2 Forsaken

3 "All in the Family" spinoff

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7 Wild fear

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9 Long steps

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16 Intense fear

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Yesterday's answer

18 Hibachi waste

20 Bitter

22 Voracious fish

23 Tangled concern

24 Twin raised by a wolf

25 Terre Haute's river

28 Abattoir offering

30 Texas landmark

31 Poet's concern

32 "— we all?"

34 Paella base

36 Course goal

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# comics PAGE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



5-7  
"Wake up, Mommy! We want you to start your day on the right side of the bed!"

Non Sequitur



NEW CAR SHOPPING WITH ARIANNA HUFFINGTON

Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, May 9, 2011

This year, you'll have an opportunity to demonstrate your priorities. Family will always be close to your heart. You will open new doors, as you will be unusually fortunate later this year. Is there something you have wanted to do? This year might be the right time to manifest just that. You gain unusual insight into your background and a parent. If you are single, you will long for someone to nestle in with you. Just don't jump into this arrangement because of your need for closeness. You want to have the right person, too. You will if you hold out. If you are attached, the two of you often can be found nestled in together. LEO sometimes presents another perspective.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ You are fiery and dynamic. The unexpected occurs out of the blue. Express your deeper feelings. You do a great job of expressing yourself, and others hear you loud and clear. Tonight, in the thick of things.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ Know when it is best to say less and just be yourself. Your ability to clear out a problem emerges. You have a seriousness that empowers you. As a result, others trust your suggestions. Tonight, stay close to home.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ As a sign, you tend to speak your mind as few can. You mean what you say, and others hear you loud and clear. Express yourself to friends or in a meeting. Some of the reactions you get could stun you. Tonight, ever playful.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★ Curb a need to get your way. Your need for control easily could swing into relationships. Unexpected developments force you to deal with responsibilities and perhaps update your community image. Tonight, treat yourself well; you put in quite a day.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ How you handle an unanticipated piece of information can and will define your day. Many of you will focus on re-arranging your plans, whereas others will

be pushed to the max to incorporate everything and get it done. Tonight, the only answer is yes.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★ Take much-needed time to do research or to push a project ahead. You could be overly exhausted or looking for a way around a situation. Just observe, and a lot more will become clear. Tonight, say "yes" to living.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Focus on others, whether you are off playing or heading in a new direction. Though you might want or need to concentrate on certain aspects of an issue, you could have difficulty doing so. Others seek you out en masse. Tonight, enjoy the moment. Forget that it is Monday.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You have a way of commanding attention. You won't be a backseat driver today, in any segment of your life. Others count on you taking your place and acting responsibly. Could you be enabling someone? Tonight, burning the candle at both ends.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Tame the desire to take off. Use this impulse in a more positive and gratifying manner — perhaps doing some research or becoming an armchair traveler. Recognize your restraints and move forward. Tonight, try to move forward.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★ You can only see and accomplish so much. Cut the idea that you can do it all — at least for now. You sometimes make demands that are very hard on you. Let others carry the ball right now. Tonight, listen to what a partner shares.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You might want to move forward and handle a certain issue. Truth be told, you might want to allow others to do their fair share. You carry too much of a burden on your shoulders; allow others to pitch in. Tonight, go off and join a friend or visit with a roommate.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Focus, focus, focus and enhance your ability to get past an immediate problem. You want to get down to basics, though you can be gentle while doing so. Others are more likely to accept their role in this matter when approached with softness. Tonight, work as a team.

Tundra



Shoe



Mother Goose and Grim



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie





# kicks kids

GAMES AND PUZZLES

## DRAW IT!

**DRAW YOUR FAVORITE FRUIT...** FOR ME TO SNACK ON!



**GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR FRUIT...**



**CONNECT THE DOTS...**



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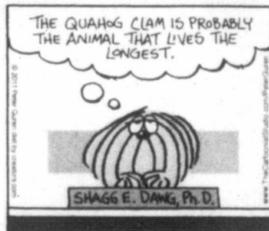
**How they SAY that in...**  
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**GERMAN:** Fleisch

## Did you know?

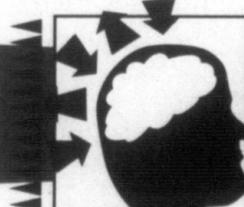
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## ASK SHAGG

Dear Shagg, Which animal lives the longest?  
 Neelambhari P  
 Chennai, India



Today, I'd like you to meet another member of my family tree.  
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 BY COUNTING THE ANNUAL GROWTH RINGS ON THE QUAHOG, ONE RESEARCHER FOUND A 405-YEAR-OLD SPECIMEN.  
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 HOLD IT HIGHER.



## adult addlers

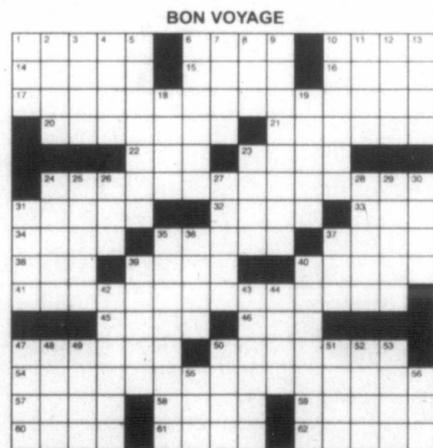
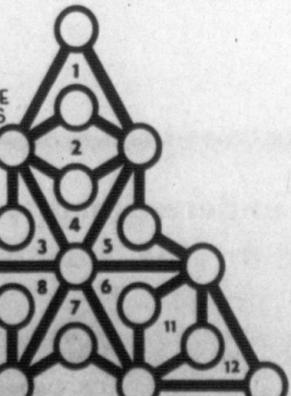
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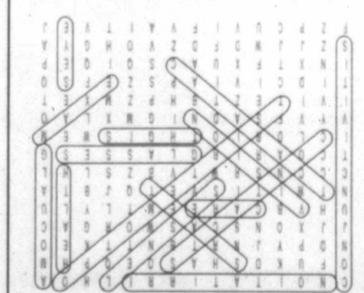


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### Crossword Puzzle Answers

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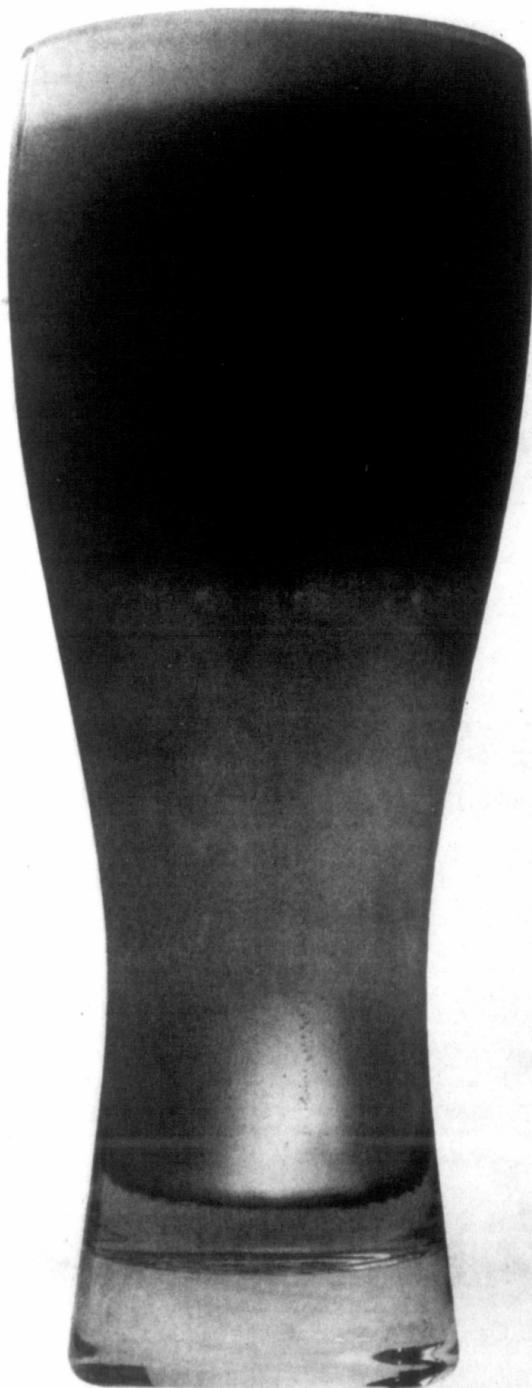
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